

FAYETTE CITY VISITED BY A DISASTROUS FIRE

Five Homes Are Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze

RATS GNAW MATCHES
Supposed Origin in Nichols House—Total Loss Amounts to Nearly \$6,000

Fire starting it is supposed from rats gnawing matches at the home of John Nichols at Fayette City this morning at 2:30 o'clock destroyed five houses, entailing a total damage of approximately \$5,700. All the houses were of frame and the best the volunteer fire department could do was to protect the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings. On one side was the planing mill and yard of the Taggart Lumber company which had it caught fire would have meant the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of valuable lumber, and a fire that would probably have consumed an entire block of property. The heaviest damage was suffered by the following:

W. T. Barker estate, owners of two houses, loss \$1,500. Carried \$800 insurance.

Taggart Lumber company, owner of one house, loss \$1,000. Partly insured.

Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, two houses, \$1,500. Partly insured.

John Ashton, occupant of house, loss \$400.

John Nichols, occupant of house, loss \$800. Had \$300 insurance.

Andrew Venaeck, loss \$200.

These with other losses totaled the entire fire loss. Two of the Nichols children discovered the smoke in their apartments and climbed down the stairs from the second story to notify their parents who were sleeping on the first floor. The four escaped, leaving one child and a boarder William Walker still asleep on the second floor. After getting from the burning house Walker was awakened. His retreat down the stairway was cut off. He tossed the child to its father on the pavement then leaped to safety. So rapidly did the flames spread that families occupying the other houses had trouble in getting out. There was an absence of wind and after tedious work the firemen were able to control the fire and finally extinguish it. By this time, however, all the five houses were practically gone.

The fire which was the second bad one Fayette City has experienced in a short time occurred on Second street, at the northern end of the town.

Notice To Contractors

Plans and specifications for improving and rebuilding the Third street hall are now ready for contractors, wishing to submit their bids. For plans and specifications apply to Third Street Hall. All bids to be sent in not later than March 23.

The Independence Mutual Society. 177-12

Saturday Night Dance.

Might's New Auditorium Social dance. Gents 50 cents. Ladies 10c. Wheelers. 160-1f

Man Escapes; Horse Lost

Mail Carrier Has Thrilling Experience When Caught by High Water

His horse swept off its feet while fording Sawmill creek in Fallowfield township, Bert Fisher, rural carrier, No. 2, had a narrow escape from drowning Monday. The buggy was also overturned and Fisher was thrown into the swollen stream. He saved the mail by tossing it on the bank. Fisher's horse was drowned and found Tuesday lodged under a gas pipe across the creek.

DIES AT AGE OF 76 YEARS

Mrs. Adeline Jenkins Wickerham Succumb to Several Months' Illness

WELL KNOWN WOMAN

At her home at Eldora Park lie the remains of Mrs. Adeline Wickerham, 76 years old, wife of Harrison Wickerham, who died Tuesday at noon. Mrs. Wickerham was one of Eldora's oldest and most respected residents, having lived there about 5 years. She was the daughter of David and Mary Jenkins of East Pike Run township, Washington county. Besides her husband Mrs. Wickerham survived by one son James and one daughter, Capt. George W. Jenkins of Centerville. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

MCLEARY GETS A GOOD START

Charleroi Man With Philadelphia Athletics Feels He Will Make Good

BOB COULSON REPORTS

Borough Engineer Alex Gray is in receipt of a letter from Edward "Bull" McCleary who is at the training camp of the Philadelphia Athletics at San Antonio, Texas. McCleary is confident that he will make good in the pitcher's box with Philadelphia this year. Before he left here he said he was troubled somewhat with rheumatism, but this he states is disappearing under the effect of the balmy southern atmosphere.

"Bob" Coulson of Donora with his bride, formerly Miss Helen Baker of Brallsville, is due to arrive at Hot Springs today, where the Brooklyn National league of which Coulson is a member is beginning training. Mr and Mrs. Coulson have been on their honeymoon tour through Canada.

SUDDEN RISE BREAKS RECORDS OF MONTHS

Cheat River Goes on Rampage and Brings Monongahela Up to High Point—Damage in the Yough Valley

After having caused a number of mines along the valley to suspend and all the boats to tie up, the high water in the Monongahela began receding Tuesday night. The highest stage attained was about 6 o'clock according to a report from North Charleroi, when the marks on the lower gauge showed the water to be up to 25.8 feet.

Records of months were broken Tuesday when a raise in the Cheat river causing a breaking up of the ice and thaw began to turn into the Monongahela river. The rise started the night before and kept coming up steadily all Tuesday morning until before noon it was running over both locks. It was necessary to strip the locks. All boats hastened to harbor at the nearest place. Ice that had the appearance of scales on a huge fish's back floated down stream.

This morning at about 11 o'clock the steamer T. J. Wood which had been tied up below Lock No. 4 went through the lock, it being the first boat up stream after the rise. At noon the water had receded to about 20 feet. High water caused much damage in the Youghiogheny valley Tuesday, but this morning according to news from West Newton had subsided below the dangerous point.

CORONER AND MRS. HEFFRAN TENDERED PLEASANT SURPRISE

Coroner and Mrs. James T. Heffran of Speers were tendered a pleasant surprise at their home Tuesday night by a party of friends comprising members of Iris Rebekah lodge of Charleroi. The crowd gathered while Mr. and Mrs. Heffran were absent from home and by the aid of a kind neighbor succeeded in unlocking the doors. Once inside the house they quietly awaited developments, which were not slow in coming. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Heffran discovered the conspirators gathered in a room. Their astonishment knew no bounds. With various diversions a pleasant evening was spent.

WEDDING AT HOME OF BRIDE IN ILLINOIS

At the home of the bride's parents at Dundee, Illinois today Joseph J. Hurst of Charleroi and Miss Ethel Mae Aten of Monongahela were married. The couple will spend a few days in Illinois and then return to Charleroi where after March 11 they will be at home to their friends at 426 Fallowfield avenue. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Aten, formerly of Monongahela and a popular young woman. The groom is a well known and respected young Charleroi man.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Erma Holyfield returned Tuesday from a visit of a few days with friends and relatives in Bradock Brushston and Pittsburg.

Rev. John R. Burson of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church went to Old Concord this morning to attend a funeral.

Rev. W. G. Carl, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Charleroi who is now located in Clearfield county was here this morning for a brief visit with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Carroll is spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John B. Schafer and daughter have gone to Brookville to visit relatives and friends.

William Thompson after a few days' visit with his people here has returned to Youngstown Ohio, where he is employed.

G. A. Enich and family are moving to Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Ross are moving this week to Mt. Washington in Pittsburg where Mr. Ross will be employed.

Robert McGowan was in Pittsburg Tuesday to participate in a student's recital given under direction of Vincent B. Wheeler, his piano instructor.

Notice. On account of high priced brewing material and labor we are compelled to advance the price of beer as follows, to take effect March 1: One-eighth barrel, \$1.25; quarter barrel, \$2.50; two dozen case, \$1.25. Charleroi Brewery. 177-13

Saturday Afternoon.

Prof. Catman will have a Children's dancing class from 2 to 4:30 in Night's Auditorium. Lessons 25 cents. 161-1f

BELIEVED THAT STRIKE WILL BE DECLARED OFF

Tells Effect of Alcohol

Noted Chautauqua Speaker Lectures on Important Topic at Local Church

Marie C. Brehm, a noted temperance speaker and Chautauqua lecturer gave a lecture at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening on the subject of "Alcohol." Miss Brehm gave a description of the havoc that alcohol has wrecked upon humanity from the time Ponce de Leon started for America in the early centuries to discover the elixir of life until the present day. She spoke of it as more of a narcotic than a stimulant. One of the most interesting parts of her lecture was her description of the method in which the various kinds of liquors are manufactured.

WILL ESTABLISH NEW LABOR CAMP

Workmen to be Engaged on Building Steel Works' Addition Getting Ready

WILL BE "DRY" PLACE

The Monessen News says that Steve Gary, labor agent, who furnished the Pittsburg Steel company with the hundreds of men necessary to erect the company's first plant at Monessen then the eight open hearth furnaces and the bar and billet mills, is again in Monessen for the purpose of furnishing the labor for the erection of four more open hearth furnaces and two blast furnaces. These will be located between the present open hearth furnaces and the Tin Plate mill.

Likely the first work will be commenced next week. "Steve" was jokingly asked the other day if he would conduct a commissary in connection with the camp this time and he replied in the affirmative, but declared it would be a "dry" one. It will be remembered that he got into trouble when in Monessen before on a charge of giving the men beer with their necessities of life.

The last camp established at Monessen by Mr. Gary became known as "Nashville," being down on the river bank upon the site of the present improvements. It is not known just where the labor settlement will be made this time.

Will Hold Labor Convention

Announcement has been made that the State Federation of Labor will hold their annual convention in Pittsburg beginning on March 12.

To Close Forty Hours Devotion

Forty Hours Devotion, which has been in progress at the Italian Catholic church will close with services this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Masselli of Monongahela will preach a short sermon. Rev. Joseph, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to all to attend the service.

District Officials and Chamouni Men in Conference

BAIL TO BE FURNISHED

Men Arrested Monday for Rioting to be Gotten Out of Jail if Possible

Contentions which arose over the use of safety lamps at the Chamouni mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Co., across the river from California, it is believed will have a settlement today. A conference is being held at Pittsburg between the district miners' officials and mine owners. Men at the Chamouni mine are out on strike and it is stated will remain so until some definite agreement is reached and they are ordered back by district officials.

It is claimed by the striking miners that in the department where the use of the safety lamp has been ordered, electrical machines are used which are as dangerous as openlights would be. Safety lamps it is asserted by the miners prevent them from seeing with their work to a considerable extent.

Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham of Charleroi, after viewing the mine shortly after the ice in the river broke up instructed that safety lamps be put into use in certain places. The mine superintendents ordered the necessary precautions to be taken. It is believed generally that the strike was caused by a misunderstanding on the part of the men.

Today it was stated that the miners would raise a fund with which to bail out of jail the ten men arrested for rioting at Chamouni Monday morning. They will try to have them released today. The trouble makers all seem to be foreigners, and it is declared by those who are well acquainted with things that had it not been for some of them who possessed more taste for trouble than for work, there would have been no contentions to settle and no strike.

HILLTOPS WHITEWASH EIGHTH STREET LADS

The Hilltop Juniors pulled off an unusual stunt in the way of basketball when they whitewashed the Eighth Street Juniors Tuesday night. Lineup:

Hilltops—10 J. McGuire F. Houston P. McGuire C. Reeves Rosbottom G. F. Parent Behrendt G. Rossonne

Substitutions—R. Parent for Behrendt, Lappe for F. Parent. Field goals—J. McGuire, Behrendt, Kurpjewit 2. Foul goals—Hilltops 2.

Want Good Residences.

Real estate men at Washington report that there is a strong demand for up-to-date residences at the county seat town.

Notice.

The Winter Club of Charleroi will hold their regular Thursday night dance in Might's New Auditorium Thursday, Feb. 29. Select. Jenkins-Wheeler Orchestra. 177-12

Don't Forget Your Spectacles



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LOCAL AGENCIES

J. H. Micht.....Charleroi
Belle Sharpnack.....Lock No. 3
F. Hixenbaugh.....Belle Vernon
T. Hixenbaugh.....Speers

Feb. 23 In American History.

1780—George Washington, commander of
the Continental Army, wins the battle of
Red Bank in the Revolutionary
War, and 1780.

1903—General William Farrar Smith,
noted Federal commander of the
civil war, died; born 1839.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)
Sun sets 5:51, rises 6:54; moon sets
5:10 a. m.; moon highest and farthest
north: 4:57 p. m.; moon in conjunction
with Neptune, passing from west to
east of the planet.

THE RAIFFEISEN SYSTEM.

What is known as the "Raiffeisen
System" of rural co-operative credit
is being advocated for adoption in
the United States. This is a co-
operative system of banking which
was devised and put into execution,
by the peasant farmers of Germany,
and so successful has it been that at
the present time these farmers do a
banking business of \$1,600,000 a
year. When the western farmers of
the United States back in the nine-
ties were struggling with mortgages
and poor crops, and trying to get re-
lief by advocating Free Silver and
Populism, the peasant farmer of
Germany by pooling their resources
and co-operating in promoting credit
among themselves, were able to
weather the financial vicissitudes by
obtaining practically the same bank-
ing conditions of a highly organized
system. In the rural sections of this
country it used to be that the farmer
could get no banking accommodations,
for the reason that he could only
realize on his products once a year.
His only recourse was a mortgage,
and thus only intensified his distress.

The Raiffeisen is a system of per-
sonal credit. The farmers of a lo-
cality form a co-operative society
and on the strength of their collec-
tive assets, obtain a loan for which
they become severally and jointly
liable. This loan is then deposited
in the co-operative bank of the as-
sociation, which also acts as a de-
posit bank for the savings of mem-
bers and the money is loaned to the
members for specified purposes con-
nected with the business of their
farms. The plan is exactly the same
as the building and loan associations,
except that it is adapted to the re-
quirements of farmers, who can get
money for planting and harvesting
times or for the purchase of stock or
machinery, the same as a manufac-
turer or merchant. It is perfectly
feasible and adaptable to this coun-
try, and is capable of widespread
benefit to the small farmers, and for

those who desire to engage in farm-
ing on a small scale but are handi-
capped for want of capital. It is
understood that the Grange is mak-
ing a study of the system.

LABOR'S MENACE.

The various strikes that are
either in progress or are threatened
not only in this country but in
Europe as well, demonstrates most
forcibly that the greatest menace to
labor is the vast army of unemploy-
ed people that pervades every coun-
try, section and community. While
deploring force and violence, strik-
ing workmen generally bend every
effort to prevent their places from
being taken by others, even to the ex-
tremity of violence and intimidation.
But for this, all instinctively know
that the places of any strikers would
soon be filled from the army of un-
employed which in the best of times
is still a formidable host.

Suppose for instance that the
strike of mill workers at Lawrence,
Massachusetts, is called off, and the
places of the strikers filled by others.
What does it signify? It means
that before the strike that there were
a large number of people idle and
anxious to work, and that after the
strike the same number is still idle.
They have simply exchanged places.
That is all. It is this army of un-
employed that governs the rate of
wages. The employers know that
there are plenty of others willing to
take the place of those who do not like
existing conditions, and the employees
know it too, hence the desperate tac-
tics employed to prevent new workers
from taking the places of strikers.

Until these idle people can be em-
ployed and become producers them-
selves labor can have little hope for
any permanent benefit. About the
only solution to this great problem is
to get the idle people back to the un-
productive and unoccupied land. When
every person willing and anxious to
work is a producer, labor will have
achieved its halcyon period.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

One consolation about these cold
waves is that the more we get now
the nearer we will get the last one.

"Why was Lady Godiva when she
started on her famous midnight ride
like an aeroplanist starting on a
flight?"
"Because it was a 'nude' depar-
ture."—Everybody's Magazine.

It is very queer the way some peo-
ple have showing their affection. Here
for instance is the case of a New
Castle man who cut a woman with a
knife, simply because he loved her.

George—"Why is Lillian Russell
like an oak tree?"
Algeron—"I can't tell. Why?"
George—"She isn't."—Everybody's

Even the third term problem and
his promise of three years ago didn't
terrify Teddy, and he has even ex-
plained.

One thing the French editors do
among other things is to learn how
to handle the sword or a pistol. The
chances are they will have to use
them during their lifetime.

One prediction the weather man
doesn't consider it safe to make is
that of the date for the last blizzard.

One of the chief pleasures of life
for some people is to vehemently an-
nounce that they will never, never
live on a farm.

Politicians are beginning to learn
that the people are tired of playing
the part of the Missouri hound.

A Washington, D. C. man, who
asks who is the Democrat who can
carry New York State is informed by
the Johnstown Democrat that that
Democrat will be the next President
of the United States.

Advertising the Town.
The Canadian city Vancouver,
is engaged in a strange maneuver.
She has taken a stand—
Will tax nothing but land,
And straight to the front does this
move her!

All that our race is it owes to the
kitchen. Unless the pure food
law is all wrong, the red flag flies
over the kitchen.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"This thing of going to the Hot
Springs or to some other place in the
South to train may be necessary for
some pitchers but not for me," said
"Scissors" McVaine, who has signed
to do slab work for the Utica club in
the New York State League. "Why,
all that is necessary for me is to
hear a spring bird whistle, and I'm
ready to take off my sweater and go
to work. The other morning before
I was fairly awake I heard our can-
ary bird whistle, and I jumped out of
bed and began to warm up before I
realized where I was.

"I know I'm all right now, and was
never in better condition. The great
trouble with us ball players is to
convince the other fellows—McGraw,
Clark, Mack and the rest—that we
have the goods. These managers are
a lot of skeptical cusses, and won't
take a fellow's word for what we
know to be gospel. However, I feel
confident in my ability, and hope to
make this the best season I ever had."

"I don't think I'll ever vote for
Teddy Roosevelt, even should he get
the nomination for President," said
Councilman W. H. Calvert this morn-
ing. "I did say I never would vote
for him again, but I'll modify that,
and await developments. If Roose-
velt is nominated and a good Demo-
crat is in opposition, I believe I'll
vote for the Democrat, although I
don't think there are any good Dem-
I always make that provision to keep
ocrats—present company excepted
from getting licked."

THOUGHTS FROM SOPHOCLES

A lie never lives to be old.
No oath is too binding for a lover.
Nobody loves life like an old man.
The dice of Zeus fall ever luckily.
Thoughts are mightier than strength
of hand.

War loves to seek its victims in
the young.

The truth is always the strongest
argument.

Fortune is not on the side of the
faint-hearted.

Children are the anchors that hold
a mother to life.

It is better not to live at all than
to live disgraced.

A short saying oft contains much
wisdom.

In a just cause the weak overcome
the strong.

Think not that thy word and thing
alone must be right.

Do nothing secretly, for time sees
and hears all things and discloses
all.

Death is not the worst evil; but
rather when we wish to die and can-
not.

If I am Sophocles, I am not mad;
and if I am mad, I am not Sopho-
cles.

A wise player ought to accept his
throws and score them, not bewail
his luck.

If it were possible to heal sorrow
by weeping and to raise the dead
with tears, gold were less prized than
grief.

There is an ancient saying famous
among men, that thou shouldst not
judge fully of a man's life before he
dies, whether it should be called
blest or wretched.

Live Litterateur Resented.

"You don't seem to care for any au-
thors except those of a previous gen-
eration."

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I am
tired of prejudiced in their favor. You
see, there's no chance that mother an'
he girls will invite 'em to parties to
out supercilious and superior."

A PRECAUTION



Jigson—I just joined the Don't Wor-
ry club.
Higson—Why?
Jigson—Going to be married next
week!

HINTS TO THE HANDICAPPED

Writer in Atlantic Monthly Tells Them
How They May Make Best
of Life.

Grow up as fast as you can. Culti-
vate the widest interest you can, and
cherish all your friends. Cultivate
some artistic talent, for you will find
it the most durable of satisfactions,
and perhaps one of the surest means
of livelihood as well. Achievement is,
of course, on the knees of the gods;
but you will at least have the thrill
of trial, and, after all, not to try is to
fail. Taking your disabilities for
granted, and assuming constantly that
they are being taken for granted,
make your social intercourse as broad
and as constant as possible. Do not
take the world too seriously, nor let
too many social conventions oppress
you. Keep sweet your sense of hum-
or, and above all do not let any
morbid feelings of inferiority creep
into your soul. You will find yourself
sensitive enough to the sympathy of
others, and if you do not find persons
who like you and are willing to meet
you more than half way, it will be be-
cause you have let your disability
narrow your vision and shrink up your
soul. It will be really your own fault,
and not that of your circumstances.
In a word, keep looking outward; look
out eagerly for those things that in-
terest you, for persons who will in-
terest you, and be friends with you,
for new interests and for opportuni-
ties to express yourself.—Atlantic
Monthly.

CANNIBALS WHO CHEW GUM

Traveler Finds the Seris Kindly and
Affectionate and Quite Without
Deadly Weapons.

Though it seems rather a pity to
shatter romantic illusions and myths
in a world from which romance (of
that kind, anyway) is fading rapidly,
yet it must be said that there are only
two old, useless rifles in the hands of
the tribe, and at the time of our visit
only two bows and a couple of quivers
full of arrows, not one of which was
headed. And now they haven't those,
for we bought them for souvenirs.

Among themselves, at any rate,
however they may have behaved to
strangers in the past, the Seris were
as kindly and even affectionate a lot
of people as I have ever had the good
fortune to encounter. Never did we
see a mother or father slap a child.
Never was anger displayed or irrita-
tion. They were continually sharing
with each other the little gifts we
made them. Really, you know, when
you see a group of alleged cannibals
sharing chewing-gum (the first they
had ever tasted) from mouth to mouth
and enjoying themselves hugely, re-
spect for travelers' tales of blood and
thunder goes down a peg or two.—
Michael Williams in Outlook.

Lessons in Etiquette.

Those who have dined in restau-
rants or hotels habitually will find
that they have fallen into many un-
pleasant little ways, permissible pos-
sibly toward a landlady, but not to-
ward a hostess. They feel that they
have the privilege both to criticize
openly and to imply criticism either of
the food itself or of the way in which
it is served. Women who cherish the
ambition of making poor, forlorn
habitués of hotels happy with "home
cooking" have their hopes dashed by
this ungracious habit. Let those, too,
who have fallen into the habit of dip-
ping a spoon or fork into a glass of
water and then wiping it on a napkin
before using it beware of those mo-
ments when they become deeply ab-
sorbed in conversation at the house of
a friend or even at the home table.
Could any habit be more insulting to a
hostess?—Harper's Bazar.

A Stupid Hunter.

Returning from two months spent
on a ranch he was telling a story of
hunting in the hills with an English-
man.

"All of us were out hunting one
day," said he, "and the Englishman
shot at everything that moved. If the
wind carried a cloud of dust upward,
you could depend on his readiness to
shoot at it. So it happened that he
narrowly missed shooting a young
woman, who, with her husband, was
visiting on the ranch. When our
party returned the husband, boiling
angry, approached the Englishman
and said:

"Look here, you damned stupid
ass, you missed shooting my wife by
an inch."

"Aw, missed her!" said the Eng-
lishman, either a finished or per-
plexed. "By an inch, by Jove? Well,
old man, I'm sorry, very sorry."

Nails in Hard Wood.

It will be found almost impossible
to drive thin steel nails into hard
wood, for the moment you hit them
hard enough to puncture the wood
they bend over on themselves.

Many people employ the use of a
small gimlet to bore the hole destined
to hold the nail, and few people know
that if yellow soap is rubbed on the
nail it can be driven in the hardest
wood with ease.

This trick was learned by a carpen-
ter, who discovered it accidentally.
Now whenever he is working with
hard wood he keeps a cake of soap
near by and sticks it full of nails,
using them as he needs them.
He also has a deep hole cut in the
handle of his favorite hammer and
keeps it filled with soap in which to
stick the nails if the cake of soap is
not conveniently near.

WHERE PLATINUM IS FOUND

Rare Metal in Small Quantities Us-
ually is Associated With Gold
in Gravel Beds.

Platinum is found associated with
gold, principally in gravel beds. The
ordinary source is accumulations of
gravel which have been eroded from
extensive areas and gradually concen-
trated in one locality by the continued
action of water. It is a rare metal
and the accumulation must be from a
great extent of country if a paying
deposit is to be developed.

Platinum is of a silver gray color
which is rarely tarnished. Its devel-
opment is similar to gold, except that
where gold is usually associated with
quartz and light colored rocks plat-
inum will be found more commonly
with dark colored rocks, and espe-
cially those of a greenish shading.

It is found only in small quantities,
except at two or three localities. West
ern Colombia and eastern Russia have
gravel beds which afford the principal
supply of this metal. Elsewhere
it is found over considerable areas,
but not sufficiently concentrated to be
of importance. It may be looked for
among the formations adjacent to re-
gions of old volcanic activity.

The distribution is principally in al-
tered rocks, and segregation seems to
have been the principal cause con-
tributing to its collection in ore
bodies. The deposits found up to the
present time have been of irregular
mineralization and not of great ex-
tent, consequently all platinum de-
posits must be considered with cau-
tion.

Of the rare metals associated with
platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium
and others, little need be said because
of their rarity. If found they will be
associated with platinum and will be
known by the greater hardness,
brighter surface and greater specific
gravity.—Moody's Magazine.

THREAD DOES SLEUTH WORK

Milwaukee Merchant Devises a Clever
Scheme to Get Rid of a Troub-
some Shoplifter.

The manager of a local department
store took an efficacious method of
ridding himself of a troublesome pet-
ty shoplifter recently. The woman has
been coming into the store and pick-
ing up a small remnant, spool of
thread, thimble or other article that
happened to be lying about, having
little intrinsic value, but being never-
theless a source of annoyance to both
the clerk and the management. Be-
cause of the position of the woman,
it was undesirable to institute an ac-
tion.

A few days ago the manager took a
spool of silk from the case, fastened
the loose end of the thread with a
tack, and allowing a bit of slack, left
it upon the counter. It was not long
before his party arrived, and deftly
dropping the spool into her shopping
bag, started out. The manager de-
tached the loose end and followed her
up the street, a few yards in the rear.
He trailed her into another downtown
store, and, as she was standing beside
a counter in the midst of a crowded
array of bargain seekers, approached
her, calmly winding his thread and po-
litely said:

"Madame, I'll trouble you for that
spool of thread."

What followed can be more easily
imagined than described. He got the
thread and has not been troubled with
losses since, nor have the other stores,
so far as may be learned.—Milwaukee
Free Press.

Bearded "Ladies."

M. Brandt, a Danish professor,
comes to the conclusion that bearded
ladies in time to come will be the
order of the day. Ladies with beards
who are now to be seen may be re-
garded as the precursors of the future
race, and the professor comes to the
conclusion that the more masculine
woman becomes in her habits so much
the more will she be in appearance.
He does not think that bearded ladies
will become general until at least two
centuries have elapsed. His investi-
gations show that the number of wo-
men with traces of mustaches, al-
though clearly visible, increases but
slowly. The Paris contemporary from
which we take the foregoing suggests
that the professor has missed the
great point which he might have made
and that is that as the number of
men who shave increases daily it
would follow that women would en-
deavor to grow beards from sheer
perversity.

"Aeropotomania."

Some months ago a learned profes-
sor at the Sorbonne wrote to the Pa-
risian papers proposing that the word
"potomania" be used as a term to de-
signate the aviator, the word potoman-
being based, he explained, on the
Greek root "pet," to fly. Another
learned person says that the word
harks back to the earliest days of aer-
ostation, and quotes from Der
Deutsche Merkur (the German Mer-
cury), published by Wieland at Wei-
mar, in October, 1783, which speaks
of "Aeropotomania," or the latest pro-
gress in flying.

The Ruling Passion.

"How is Mrs. Dumley? I under-
stand the doctor gave her up?"
"Yes, he did. But she's better. The
other day she thought she was sick-
ing and sent in a hurry for her women
neighbors."
"Well."
"In ten minutes they were all play-
ing bridge."

Money to Loan \$10 Upward

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Everything left in your possession.
Loans repaid in small weekly or
monthly payments. Low rates and
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to render him Prompt,
Efficient, Up-to-the-
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poration who seeks that
kind of Service will
find it here.

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doing at all,
it's worth do-
ing well.

First class work
at all times is
our motto.

Let us figure
with you on
your next job.

PREPARE FOR AUTUMN

RIGHT NOW IS EXCELLENT TIME TO MAKE SELECTION.

Tailored Styles Continue to Hold Their Own in Popular Favor—Short Coat is Also to Be Much in Vogue.

This is an excellent time for looking up the things needed for the next three months, for at this time autumn effects make their appearance and they are generally much cheaper than last year. As usual, tailored styles are much considered, the trim street suit and long coat being in a way always the same and easier to decide upon than the more fanciful garments. At any rate, only tailored things are seen to any extent, and these are quite plain, though the fashion people promise a number of fine surprises in a week or two. In fact, we are told that the street gown will be quite fancy with trimming, that there will be odd cuts and vastly rich colors. Meanwhile, except for an increasing width in the skirt, made by inverted pleats attached closely at the top and flaring at the bottom, street suits are not greatly different in style from those of the summer. The short coat introduced with late is much in vogue but this has as many cuts as the pea cock has eyes in his gorgeous tail—it is in the shape, Empire form, in Norfolk design or with a high belt and coquettish shirred tail. Materials for these fresh and enticing suits, of course, consider the autumn in quality and color. The nattiest little checked, wool and striped men's cloths show mellow browns to a great extent, a touch of black satin and deep orange being used sometimes for collar and cuffs. Any black and white goods suitable for a tailored suit is still very chic, and with this combination the odd trimmings may show a blend of white and purple linen. The oddity of putting satin with muslin and linen with wool in this way is decidedly smart and most suited to the season. The washable summer materials soften the gloom of the darkish colors used, and lighten the effect of the textures, which might otherwise seem too clumsy for the middle of September. The illustration gives the loose, easy style girls from seven to twelve will wear, and it is in a smooth blue serge with blue and red silk for the trimming. The single button is of red silk covered with blue crocheted.



and this solitary detail gives the little garment a very elegant stamp. Pearl or bone buttons, by the way, are not used on any dressy coat, unless the garment is in polo style and in a delicate, evening color. Buttons are elaborate and made to a great extent of crocheted over molds, or the covering will be of some rich tapestry in soft colors—the button set in a metal rim—or the fastener will show a crust of rich embroidery.

On fact, so far as buttons are concerned, one can be commonplace only with the practical coat, and even here if the garment is of a very rough sort some novelty in shape is desirable with the cheapest bone button. The wooden mold, however, covered plainly with the same material, trims many a dashing coat and where the garment is reversible, whichever way the coat is put on, the buttons will be in the color of the lining. With this exception all other buttons on the first coats are striking and original.

MARY DEAN.

To Clean Moire Bags. White moire handbags clean easily with naphtha. The whole bag—silk cord, gold mountings and all—may be dipped into the naphtha. A gentle scrubbing with an old tooth brush will aid in the cleansing process. The result is better than that which some times follows the laundering of a linen hand bag, so that the silk ones, undoubtedly, are not extravagant in the end.

Persistent Advertising Brings Business Success

If the money that is spent every year by "occasional" advertisers were added up it would be found to amount to a large sum. By "occasional" advertising is meant the using of space at irregular periods in newspapers. Local publicity is often done this way under the excuse of helping the paper, but the real reason, if the advertiser could be got to admit it, is that he is half hearted about the matter. He partly looks upon advertising as a luxury anyhow and so curtails his expenditure on it to the lowest limit.

Although the retailer may regard publicity as a luxury, it yet seems to be a dream on his part that one day he will make some real success and a handsome fortune through advertising. Indeed, down deep in all retailers' hearts is a feeling that money can positively be made through advertising. They know that huge fortunes have been and are being piled up by retail merchants with the aid of this limitless force, and they have secret hopes that one day they also may strike the royal road to success. If they but knew it that road lies straight and plain before every retailer in the country if he would only open his eyes to see it.

John Wanamaker, the great New York and Philadelphia retail merchant, on one occasion said: "Advertising doesn't jerk; it pulls." It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It is likened to a team pulling a heavy load. A thousand spasmodic, jerk pulls will not budge that load, while one-half the force in steady effort will start and keep it moving.

Here is the solution in a nutshell—steady effort. The merchant who uses newspaper space only "occasionally" is the one who is dissatisfied with results. It is the steady pounding—and pounding again—that makes success in advertising as in everything else. All advertising is good in proportionate degree to how it is done, and even occasional advertising has some value, but to be successful to the point of permanently increasing your bank account, it must be done persistently and systematically.

What would you say about a clerk in your store who waited on your customers for a day or two and then sat down to rest for a few more days, leaving the customers to attend to themselves? You know how long your business would last under such conditions. It is the same with newspaper advertising. Publicity in newspapers is simply salesmanship on paper, and the same rules apply to it as apply to salesmanship in your store. Continuous effort and eternal polishing up of ideas and methods are necessary to make success either as a personal salesman in your store or as a salesman in newspapers.

You advertise to sell your goods and keep your name in front of people. It is only reasonable to suppose that you will be better able to do this with persistent effort than with spasmodic attempts. If you were to tell a man or woman daily about the quality and prices of your wares you would produce more effect than if you were to talk to him or her at uncertain intervals.

The question of changing the salesmanship or "copy" in your advertising space is an important one. Some merchants never stop to think about an ad until the big industries pay rolls around, and then they write their copy in a few minutes, when time and thought is necessary, and then "rush" it to the newspapers the day they want it to appear, and then expect immediate returns.

Advertisement constructing is a profession like medicine or law. When you are sick you go to a physician; when you get into a legal difficulty you go to a lawyer.

When your business needs a stimulant why should you not put a competent man the job, and if you do not have such a man why not get one? and if you cannot do this why not employ someone out of the store to do it? Would you keep a clerk in your employ who could not wait upon a customer in the right way? Of course you would not—Your advertising copy not only needs but requires the same discrimination.

If you give it this attention, keep at it, sell the right kinds of goods at the right prices, and live up to your advertising, there is no doubt about your ultimate success.

THE KITCHEN CABINET



ALL might do more than we have done. And not be a whit the wiser. It was not loving that emptied the heart. Nor giving that emptied the purse.

SOME LUNCHEON DISHES.

Many luncheon dishes may be equally well served at night for supper when the noon meal is the dinner.

Tomato Bouillon.—Cook together a can of tomatoes, three pints of bouillon, a tablespoonful of chopped onion, a half of a bay leaf, six cloves, half a teaspoon of celery seed, half a teaspoon of pepper corns and cook twenty minutes. Strain, cool and clear. Add parboiled oysters, a pint, and serve in bouillon cups.

Potato Cones.—Season mashed potato with salt and pepper and finely chopper parsley. Moisten with cream or milk, then beat light and foamy. Mold in an ice cream dipper, place on buttered paper in a baking pan, brush with melted butter and brown in the oven.

Convent Pie.—Cook a cup of macaroni in boiling water until tender. Drain and rinse in cold water. Scald a cup of cream, add a cup of soft bread crumbs, a fourth of a cup of butter, pepper, salt, chopped parsley, onion juice and a teaspoonful of chopped green pepper, half a cup of grated cheese, three well-beaten eggs and the macaroni. Line a quart baking dish with buttered paper, turn in the mixture, set the pan on several folds of paper in a dish of water and bake a half to three-fourths of an hour. Serve with tomato sauce.

Marshmallow Salad.—Cut half a can of pineapple in small pieces. Cut a quarter of a pound of marshmallows in quarters, using the shears. Mix a half cup of whipped cream with a quarter of a cup of mayonnaise dressing and add to the other ingredients. Serve on lettuce leaves with salad dressing.

A delicious tea is prepared by cutting a third of an orange, put into a teapot with Oolong tea and four cups of boiling water. Let stand five minutes and serve with sugar, without cream.

Thelma Maxwell.

Real Angel of Death. Most of us are familiar with the beautiful and artistic conception of French, wherein a young sculptor who is plying his magic chisel upon a block of stone and summoning from the snowy depths of the marble the dream face of his soul's idea, is gently touched by the wistful-eyed Angel of Death and the skillful arm forever stayed. The whole creation is marvelously beautiful and the world is better for its birth. Nevertheless, it is allegorical and misleading.

The real Angel of Death in the case of the thin-faced sculptor was not a sad-visaged maiden of classical profile in all probability it was a minute, rod-like organism floating amid motes of dust and known to scientists as the "bacteria tuberculosis." The writer does not want to be a shatterer of illusions; but the sooner such poetic notions of death are done away with and the mass of the people educated in a common sense way to the dangers of dust and bacteria, the better it will be for humanity in general.—J. G. Ogden in October Popular Mechanics.

Growing Beet Sugar in England. Remarkable success has attended the efforts of growers of sugar beets in Herefordshire, England. A good high average for a crop is 15 tons to the acre of roots bearing 15 per cent. of sugar. The Herefordshire farmers, in spite of rough and ready methods and small knowledge of the crop, grew up to 27½ tons to the acre, with a sugar content of 19 per cent. The purity of the sugar was exceptionally high.

The Telephone Trouble-Times

How do you call the plumber when the pipes break, or the tinner when the roof goes bad? It takes an hour if you go on foot, a moment if you Use the Bell.

The cost is trifling and it's really wonderful in its power to help. Call the Business Office.

The C. D. & P. Tel. Co.
F. B. BURWELL, Manager
Charleroi, Pa.

The Inevitable. An old man who had lived all his life on the moors of Scotland and had never seen a railway, was persuaded by his two sons to accompany them on a trip to Sheffield. Arriving at the station, the old man was terrified at the sight of the train running into the station and exclaimed: "Let's go back, lads, or something will happen." But his sons hustled him into a carriage, where he sat looking terribly upset, and muttering to himself, "something will happen." The climax was reached when the train dashed into a tunnel, the old man crying out, "I knew something would happen. I'm struck blind."

Help Farmers' Wives. Miss Martha Van Rensselaer, who was recently elected president of the Home Economic Association of New York, has long had charge of the reading course for farmers at the agricultural department of Cornell university. Miss Rose, who was elected secretary of the same association, has been her assistant.

Wants Rights First. Mrs. Frederick Nathan was asked recently to contribute to the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, but she refused, saying that all the money she could spare would be given to the suffrage cause until the courts declare that "women are people."

The Easy Laxative TRIALAX.

Speaks for itself. Trialax has been proven to be the best and easiest Laxative ever offered to the people. One triangular tablet, chewed well, is often time enough, as a good mild laxative, but you eat more without any rigorous effects. Try one. For sale at druggists 10 and 25 cents. Glaxo, Inc., The Trialax Company, under the Pure Food and Drug Act, June 1906, Serial No. 34,900.

Blamed A Good Worker. "I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Dunville, Va. "I know now it was indigestion. Dr. Kink's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at W. F. Jennings.

WAVERLY GASOLINE

A good motor is worthy of the very best gasoline. The three famous Waverly Gasolines—**76°—Special—Motor** Give Power Without Carbon. They are all refined, distilled and treated. They contain no "natural" gasolines, which are crude and unrefined and which carry the maximum of carbon-producing elements.

WAVERLY OIL WORKS CO. Independent Refiners PITTSBURGH, PA. Also makers of Waverly Special Auto Oil and Family Favorite Oil.

FREE 20 Page Book—tells all about oil.

CROUP ENDS LIFE

Many Children Die of Croup Every Year Before a Doctor Can be Summoned.

Parents of children should be prepared at all times for a spasm of croup.

Keep in the house a remedy that will give instant relief and keep the child from choking until the arrival of the physician.

Get a 50 cent bottle of HYOMEI today and in case of an attack of croup pour 20 drops into a kitchen bowl of boiling water. Hold the child's head over the bowl so that it

can breathe the soothing, penetrating vapor that arises. In the meantime send for a physician.

This treatment has saved the lives of many children and is a precaution that all parents should promptly take.

Hyomei is sold by Piper Bros. and druggists everywhere and is guaranteed for croup, catarrh, asthma and bronchitis.

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These are products of the best German and Swiss manufacturers and are beautiful designs in Clunies, Torchons, Vals and Doille Laces with insertions to match. There are great savings in the special prices we are making on these laces.

Special 5c

We have one lot of Cluny Laces with Insertions to match—laces which you have only to see to appreciate. Suitable for scarfs, doilies, curtains, etc. These are laces well worth 10c per yard, special price..... 5c

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Special selection of Torchon Laces and Insertion to match..... 5c
New Vals, Insertions to match..... 5c to 15c
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Wide Val Laces—Insertions to match, beautiful designs, from..... 10c to 25c

BERRYMAN'S

Charleroi's Live Store

Among The Passers

Allie Brown was unable to be with the team at Connellsville. Peiffer was there with the goods in his place.

Every man on the Connellsville team scored at least two baskets.

Uniontown will have to do a big lot of sprinting and Johnstown slump like a baseball player's batting average on his off week if the last year's champs approach within listening distance of the first place rumble.

Boggio was out of the game with Uniontown against Johnstown, Bill Powell jumping center and Swenson and O'Donnell working the forwards.

Nobody has yet advanced the name of a better forward in the Central League than Jack Adams.

Ten days and the present Central League season will have become history.

CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Last Night's Results

Connellsville 40—Charleroi 35
Johnston 39—Uniontown 28

Standing of the Clubs

	W	L	Per
Johnstown	42	16	.724
Uniontown	40	19	.678
Connellsville	33	27	.550
Charleroi	25	34	.424

Tonight's Schedule

No games scheduled.

OLD TIME CRUELTY

One Time When Surgery Is Often Needless Torture.

Many operations for piles are simply endless torture for when it's all over the piles come back. The one fine way to be rid of piles

for good is to use Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid. It cures piles by doing away with the cause—poor circulation.

\$1 for 24 day's treatment at Piper Bros., Charleroi, Pa., and all druggists. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., Prop. Write for free booklet.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

At Bargain Prices

Ladies' tan, or velvet shoes worth \$3.50 to \$4.00. Special	\$2.45
Ladies' Slippers worth \$1 to 1.50. Our special	59c
Ladies' Rubbers worth 75c. Our special	39c
Men's Fine Dress Shoes in Tan, Patent Leather and Dull worth \$3.50 to \$4.00. Our special	\$2.45
Boys' Shoes worth \$1.50 to \$2.00. Our special	\$1.19
Children's Leggings worth 50c. Our special	19c
Men's and Ladie's Slippers worth 75c. Special Saturday	29c

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502 Fallowfield Avenue

Charleroi, Penn'a.

Shoes Repaired

While You Wait at Very Low Prices

BILLIARDS

The billiard match at the Crescent billiard room between Heiker of the Schaeffers and Berton of the Hoppes resulted in a victory for Heiker by a score of 75 to 41. Heiker had high run of 10 and Berton 7. In the second game between Arrigo of the Hoppes and Sharkey of the Schaeffers, in a double header, Sharkey defeated Arrigo by 85 to 38. Arrigo playing a handicap of 85 to 100 in the first game. In the second game Arrigo played a phenomenal game and defeated Sharkey by a score of 66 to 100 in 40 innings. Arrigo had high run of 22, Sharkey 8. As the race is drawing near a close these games are proving very exciting. It is any team's games as yet, with the standing of the Hoppes at 18 and Schaeffers at 23. Referee, Ben Jack. Attendance 603.

CHARLEROI TEAMS WINS FROM DONORA

The Charleroi Independents defeated the Donora Steel works team in a preliminary game, at the rink Monday night. The game was hotly contested. Lineup:

Charleroi—40 Independents—23
Keifer F Jackson
Carlson P McFarland
E. Roy C Volke
Hudspeth G Wehl
G. Roy, Gass G Campbell
Field goals—Keifer 11 Carlson 2,
E. Roy 5, Hudspeth 2, Jackson 4, McFarland 4, Volke 8. Goals from foul,
Jackson 1 out of 3. Referee—Dolin.

LOVER

Miss Stella Robison is visiting friends in Ohio.

Mrs. Harry Hyatt and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ellis Sphar.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scott entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening. Mrs. Scott served a nice lunch consisting of ice cream cake and fruit. The young folks spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will move this week to the Ed. Springer property near Garwood which he has purchased.

Mary, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pryor, near Garwood, who has been ill for sometime is some better.

Myrtle, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyatt, is visiting relatives at Brownsville.

Mrs. Valoren Smallwood who is critically ill of typhoid fever at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Carson, near Bentleyville, remains about the same, her condition being very serious.

Snyder Cupp, who is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Endsley Cupp, remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Tremont Colvin of California spent Sunday with relatives near here.

Earl, little son of Wm. Silbaugh, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Endsley Cupp.

Protracted meeting closed at the Clover Hill M. E. church last week.

Mrs. T. R. Duvall is ill of mumps.

John A. Carson has returned home from serving two weeks on the jury at Washington.

Maurice Crispin of California, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Valoren Smallwood.

Harry Hyatt and family will move about the 1st of April to the Hiram Stillwell property.

Mrs. Laura Dickey and daughter, Mary and Emaline, of Curtin School House, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coulter.

Earl Hopewell has returned home from a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. Larry Gossitt, of Fredericktown.

New Russian Oil Region.
While Baku is known as the great oil producing province of Russia, and its wells have produced immense quantities, its reputation bids fair to be overshadowed by the new region, the Salany Steppes. Salany is about 125 miles distant from the city of Baku, on the shore of the Caspian sea, at the mouth of the Kura, the largest river in the Caucasus. Its position is a commanding one, both for supplying the European and eastern market. The petroleum deposits in the Salany steppes have been known for years, but only recently has attention been attracted thereto. The possibilities are very great.

Appointed Tax Collector.
Upon petition to the county court John A. Mancha has been appointed tax collector of Fallowfield township to take the place of Shirley Mancha, resigned.

TO PROTECT WATER BUCKETS

Stable Boys Bore Holes in Their Bottoms and Carry Corks in Their Pockets.

"Anybody who has occasion to use a water bucket," said a man acquainted with their various uses, "is likely to pick up the first one he comes to, then he may put it back where he found it or he may not."

"It was to prevent their being carried off in this way and left around where they didn't belong that the buckets came to be made with round bottoms, so that they wouldn't stand on their own bottom. Such buckets, as you know, are kept filled with water and standing around in buildings, supported in holders having rounded out spaces in which the buckets rest. These buckets are likely to be left where they belong."

"A man who doesn't know their peculiarity may come along some day and pick up one of them and carry it off, but he is likely to leave the fire buckets alone after one experience of seeing the bucket he has carried off roll over when he set it down and spill out all the water."

"Perhaps you don't know what stable boys do to keep their buckets where they can find them. The stable boy protects his particular bucket by boring a hole in its bottom, so that it won't hold water; nobody wants a bucket that won't hold water. Then he carries in his pocket a cork that will fit the hole in the bucket, and when he has use for it he simply plugs the hole, and there's the bucket ready for use."

"To be sure other boys around a stable may carry corks in their pockets, but the run of people don't; and so the boy who has bored the bottom of his bucket is at least a little more likely to find it when he wants it than he would be if it had no hole in it."

TOO REMARKABLE TO FALL

Ruined Old Barn Set Moss an Example and He Proceeded to Get Well.

In their first walk of the season at Woburn-in-the-Hills the judge and his wife stopped at the Bartons to inquire for Moss, who was reported to have been "more'n common allin' long back." They found Mrs. Barton in the garden, weeding.

"Yes, he was awful bad all last winter," she said, gradually rising, and straightening up. "First he had gripe, an' that left his heart weak, an' 'long toward March his liver kind o' got out o' whack. Then Moss sent for doctor, an' he called it 'complication o' diseases'."

"You're a sick man," says doctor. "I know that," says Moss, "thout you're tellin' me! You know his way? 'But this complication,' 's you call it, is what stumps me. I guess I'd better get well"—an' he did!"

"Suthin' in that, eh, squire?" said Moss, suddenly appearing from behind the house.

"Much!" asserted the judge. "Didn't find my argument in a book, same as you would, squire," Moss continued. "Got it up on the hills, from the old Collin's barn—member it?"

"I should say I did!" said the judge, smiling reminiscently; "rootless, practically and open on all sides!"

"But kep' a standin' for nigh thirty year 'cause it was so ramshackle it didn't know which way to fall. My case exactly!" declared Moss Marton, with a twinkle.—Youth's Companion.

Dismal Swamp Water.

Many interesting observations were made during a recent excursion into the Dismal Swamp of Virginia, sent out by the Washington Academy of Sciences. The swamp is divided into two parts, as far as the character of the vegetation is concerned—the "black gum" and the "juniper" areas. The juniper area is of particular interest. Juniper is the local name for the Southern white cedar. Swamp blueberry, white cedar, inkberry, fetter bush and other species of the heather family are intermingled with the juniper trees. The water of the juniper swamp contains a remarkably small quantity of mineral matter and has the color of tea. It is antiseptic, and before the days of distilled sea water it furnished the favorite supply of drinking water for ships starting on long voyages from Norfolk. The sailors called it "juniper water," and were very fond of it.—Youth's Companion.

To Brighten Old Gilt.
Old gilt, such as the gilded frames of chairs or old picture frames and mirrors, if they do not require regilding entirely, may be brightened by using an excellent mixture of three ounces of white of egg and an ounce of chloride of potash or soda. This should be painted over the surface with a feather or a water-color paint brush.

The Idea.
"Should you say 'Hello!' to the telephone girl if she is a widow?" "Certainly, unless she is a grass widow; then you should say, 'Hay, there!'"

Retain the Tinderbox.
Matches have not yet displaced the tinderbox in certain rural districts of Spain and Italy.

Keeping Worms From Plants.
If air slacked lime be used in earth in which plants are potted it will keep worms away.

IS DEAN OF ALL INDIANS

Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, Is Oldest Redman.

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogallala Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity he counseled peace with the palefaces.

He could well afford to do so, for his people knew he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts, "but I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstainer. He smokes cigarettes, but insists he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be hale and hearty long after he has passed the century mark.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinsmen, and puffs his pipe with a complacency untroubled by thoughts of any immediate journey to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior dons paint and feathers for his appearance with the younger members of his tribe in the headlong dashes across the amphitheater at the stock yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to single him from the reckless redskins who have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

WORLD OF BLUFF AND SHAM

Absolute Frankness Seems to Be a Thing Unknown Among Men and Women.

One of the most pitiful as well as one of the most common things in all this old world is sham. Those who hide—who of us does not?—under its sleazy covering, are continually struggling to keep up appearances against a remorseless and overwhelming handicap. The modern spirit of emulation is responsible for much of the present-day sham. The mad race to keep up with and a little ahead of one's neighbors creates an ingenuine condition. One strives for a good showing, and life behind the scenes accepts what's left. If we could only see the other side that is jealously hidden from Mrs. Grundy's prying eyes what an awakening there would be oftentimes!

The man who, living on his wife's inherited or possibly hard-earned money, tells his friends with blarney impudence that she spends his wages faster than he can earn them and then asks for more; the young wife who to "make a show" passes her summers at some fashionable resort while her husband bends his head even nearer the grindstone to meet an extravagance that far overreaches his salary, supplementing the deficit by borrowing from his business partner; the "happy" woman who with serene eyes forces her world to think her lot a blissful one when all the while her heart's barking over some secret sorrow or bitter humiliation—such a disciple of bluff, sham and pride. What cankers of the soul these three cover! And the world moves serenely on and the make-beliefs which cover a multitude of miseries are held valiantly up to trick Dame Grundy into thinking that all is gold that glitters.

Untenable Ground.
"By the way, why do you permit your children to believe in fairies?" "I can't tell them there are no fairies and then expect them to believe in microbes!"—Washington Herald.

Force of Habit.
A United States district attorney, at a banquet, once spoke of honesty: "Are we coming to such a pass that our ideas of an honest man will correspond to the idea of old Hiram Strood? Hiram Strood for the seventh time was about to fall. He called in an expert accountant to disentangle his books. The accountant, after two days' work, announced to Hiram that he would be able to pay his creditors four cents on the dollar. At this news the old man looked vexed: 'Heretofore,' he said, 'trowning, I have always paid ten cents on the dollar.' A virtuous and benevolent expression spread over his face. 'And I will do so now,' he resumed. 'I will make up the difference out of my own pocket.'"—Blue Bull.

Great Minds Not Exempt.
In Tolstoy there seems to be the same contradictions between the natural man and the ascetic moralist that pertains to lesser minds, and in a certain instance, cited by Aylmer Maude in his "Life of Tolstoy," this mental elasticity makes for humor. When Sarah Bernhardt visited Moscow the great man delivering himself of a crushing condemnation of the contemporary theater and of the falsity of the dramatic art in general. After a momentous silence one of his guests admitted, somewhat timorously, that he was going to see the French actress that evening. Tolstoy's face suddenly lighted up with a good-humored smile. "Do you know," he said, "I am awfully sorry I'm not going."

Star Theatre

TODAY

Building the Greatest Dam in the World.

Field Day Sports at Fort Riel, Kansas.

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Matinee daily, 2 to 4:30 p. m.

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Ralston's Co-Operative, Bostonians, in lace and button, all styles, all sizes, several different shades.

At \$2.98 you could not buy any of these shoes from the manufacturers in dozen lots. It's below cost.

All other Men's Winter Shoes reduced 10 per cent.

J. J. Beerens

The Right Store on the Wrong Side of the Street
513 Fallowfield Avenue.

The Moon on Fish.

A recent report of the Scotch fishery board mentioned a curious habit which, according to fishermen, is associated with fish; the phases of the moon, it was asserted, have a very direct connection with the willingness of fish to be netted.

To test this theory statistics were obtained of the catch of herrings from 1860 to 1900, with the result that the biggest catches were found to have coincided with the new moon and the smallest with full moon. The report suggested that a full moon enabled the nets to be seen much more easily than at times of new moon or the crescent phase or that the tides, which vary with the lunar phases, were possible factors in the matter.—Westminster Gazette.

So Settled.

"Yes, I am opposed to American girls marryin' furriers," said old Mrs. Sipes. "I'm flat that opposed to it that if my girls can't marry people of their own sex they needn't marry at all, and that's all there is about it!"—Lippincott's.

OLD FOLKS

Can Live Longer. Doctor Says
"One reason old people do not live to be older," says a famous physician, "is because they do not keep up their interest in life. They ought not to 'let go.'"

But when they are weakened through poor appetite and loss of sleep, you can't expect them to be so much interested in current events.

Let them first regain most of their former vigor, by using Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron preparation, on which so many elderly people depend for good health.

According to F. R. Schoen, Justice of the Peace, Elk Mountain, Wyo., his neighbor, Chas. T. Bourk, 84 years old, was very sick and ready to give up, but Vinol put him on his feet again and now he says: "Nothing ever helped me like Vinol—I could not do without it."

Vinol is sure to do you good if you are run down and weak—we guarantee this and will pay back your money if you are not satisfied. Piper Bros., Druggists, Charleroi, Pa.

Classified Ads.

FOR RENT—Store room, 411 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, Pa. Agent, C. O. Frye. 151-2-tw

FOR RENT—Three rooms, with water and gas. Apply Jasper S. Rockwell, Lock No. 4. 177-3p

FOR SALE—A sixroom house with bath and stable at 227 McKean Avenue. M. T. Crowley. eod-1f

FOR SALE—At a bargain my automobile. It is in first class condition. Can be seen at Spencer's Garage. W. H. Calvert. 177-3p

WANTED—Young girl for housework. Apply 112 Lookout Avenue. 177-4p

FAYETTE CITY VISITED BY A DISASTROUS FIRE

Five Homes Are Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze

RATS GNAW MATCHES
Supposed Origin in Nichols House--Total Loss Amounts to Nearly \$6,000

Fire starting it is supposed from rats gnawing matches at the home of John Nichols at Fayette City this morning at 2:30 o'clock destroyed five houses, entailing a total damage of approximately \$5,700. All the houses were of frame and the best the volunteer fire department could do was to protect the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings. On one side was the planing mill and yard of the Taggart Lumber company which had it caught fire would have meant the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of valuable lumber, and a fire that would probably have consumed an entire block of property. The heaviest damage was suffered by the following:

W. T. Barker estate, owners of two houses, loss \$1,500. Carried \$800 insurance.

Taggart Lumber company, owner of one house, loss \$1,000. Partially insured.

Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, two houses, loss \$1,500. Partially insured.

John Ashton, occupant of house, loss \$400.

John Nichols, occupant of house, loss \$600. Had \$300 insurance.

Andrew Venaek, loss \$200.

These with other losses added to the entire fire loss. Two of the children discovered the fire in their apartments and climbed down the stairs from the second story to notify their parents who were sleeping on the first floor. The four escaped, leaving one child and a boarder, William Walker still asleep on the second floor. After getting from the burning house Walker was awakened. His retreat down the stairway was cut off. He tossed the child to its father on the pavement then leaped to safety. So rapidly did the flames spread that families occupying the other houses had trouble in getting out. There was an absence of wind and after tedious work the firemen were able to control the fire and finally extinguish it. By this time, however, all the five houses were practically gone.

The fire which was the second bad one Fayette City has experienced in a short time occurred on Second street, at the northern end of the town.

Notice To Contractors

Plans and specifications for improving and rebuilding the Third street hall are now ready for contractors, wishing to submit their bids. For plans and specifications apply to Third Street Hall. All bids to be sent in not later than March 28.

Saturday Night Dance.

Might's New Auditorium Social dance. Gents 50 cents. Ladies 10c. Wheelers. 160-17

Man Escapes; Horse Lost

Mail Carrier Has Thrilling Experience When Caught by High Water

His horse swept off its feet while fording Sawmill creek in Fallowfield township, Bert Fisher, rural carrier, No. 2, had a narrow escape from drowning Monday. The buggy was also overturned and Fisher was thrown into the swollen stream. He saved the mail by tossing it on the bank. Fisher's horse was drowned and found Tuesday lodged under a gas pipe across the creek.

DIES AT AGE OF 76 YEARS

Mrs. Adeline Jenkins Wickerham Succumbs to Several Months' Illness

WELL KNOWN WOMAN

At her home at Eldora Park lies the remains of Mrs. Adeline Wickerham, 76 years old, wife of Harrison Wickerham, who died Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Wickerham was one of Eldora's oldest and most respected residents, having lived there about 53 years. She was the daughter of David and Mary Jenkins of East Pike Run township, Washington county. Besides her husband Mrs. Wickerham survived by one son James and one daughter, Capt. George W. Jenkins of Centerville. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

M'CLEARY GETS A GOOD START

Charleroi Man With Philadelphia Athletics Feels He Will Make Good

BOB COULSON REPORTS

Borough Engineer Alex Gray is in receipt of a letter from Edward "Bull" McCleary who is at the training camp of the Philadelphia Athletics at San Antonio, Texas. McCleary is confident that he will make good in the pitcher's box with Philadelphia this year. Before he left here he said he was troubled somewhat with rheumatism, but this he states is disappearing under the effect of the balmy southern atmosphere.

"Bob" Coulson of Donora with his bride, formerly Miss Helen Baker of Ballsville, is due to arrive at Hot Springs today, where the Brooklyn National league of which Coulson is a member is beginning training. Mr and Mrs. Coulson have been on their honeymoon tour through Europe.

SUDDEN RISE BREAKS RECORDS OF MONTHS

Cheat River Goes on Rampage and Brings Monongahela Up to High Point--Damage in the Yough Valley

After having caused a number of wrecks along the valley to suspend and all the boats to tie up, the high water in the Monongahela began receding Tuesday night. The highest stage attained was about 6 o'clock according to a report from North Charleroi, when the marks on the lower gauge showed the water to be up to 25.8 feet.

Records of months were broken Tuesday when a raise in the Cheat river causing a breaking up of the ice and thaw began to turn into the Monongahela river. The rise started the night before and kept coming up steadily all Tuesday morning until before noon it was running over both locks. It was necessary to strip the locks. All boats hastened to harbor at the nearest place. Ice that had the appearance of scales on a huge fish's back floated down stream.

This morning at about 11 o'clock the steamer T. J. Wood which had been tied up below Lock No. 4 went through the locks, being the first boat up stream after the rise. At noon the water had receded to about 20 feet. High water caused much damage in the Yough valley Tuesday, but this morning according to news from West Newton had subsided below the dangerous point.

CORONER AND MRS. HEFFRAN TENDERED PLEASANT SURPRISE

Coroner and Mrs. James T. Heffran of Speers were tendered a pleasant surprise at their home Tuesday night by a party of friends comprising members of Iris Rebekah lodge of Charleroi. The crowd gathered while Mr. and Mrs. Heffran were absent from home and by the aid of a kind neighbor succeeded in unlocking the doors. Once inside the house they quietly awaited developments, which were not slow in coming. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Heffran discovered the conspirators gathered in a room. Their astonishment knew no bounds. With various diversions a pleasant evening was spent.

WEDDING AT HOME OF BRIDE IN ILLINOIS

At the home of the bride's parents at Dundee, Illinois today Joseph J. Hurs of Charleroi and Miss Ethel Mae Aten of Monongahela were married. The couple will spend a few days in Illinois and then return to Charleroi where after March 11 they will be at home to their friends at 426 Fallowfield avenue. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Aten, formerly of Monongahela and a popular young woman. The groom is a well known and respected young Charleroi man.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Erma Holyfield returned Tuesday from a visit of a few days with friends and relatives in Bradock, Brushton and Pittsburg.

Rev. John R. Burson of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church went to Old Concord this morning to attend a funeral.

Rev. W. G. Carl, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Charleroi, who is now located in Clearfield county was here this morning for a brief visit with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Carroll is spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John B. Schafer and daughter have gone to Brookville to visit relatives and friends.

William Thompson after a few days' visit with his people here has returned to Youngstown Ohio, where he is employed.

G. A. Enich and family are moving to Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Ross are moving this week to Mt. Washington in Pittsburg where Mr. Ross will be employed.

Robert McGowan was in Pittsburg Tuesday to participate in a student's recital given under direction of Vincent B. Wheeler, his piano instructor.

Notice.

On account of high priced brewing material and labor we are compelled to advance the price of beer as follows, to take effect March 1: One-eighth barrel, \$1.25; quarter barrel, \$2.50; two dozen case, \$1.25. Charleroi Brewery. 177-43

Saturday Afternoon.

Prof. Cushman will have a Children's dancing class from 2 to 4:30 in Night's Auditorium. Lessons 25 cents. 151-17

BELIEVED THAT STRIKE WILL BE DECLARED OFF

Tells Effect of Alcohol

Noted Chautauqua Speaker Lectures on Important Topic at Local Church

Miss C. B. Brehm, a noted Chautauqua speaker and Chautauqua lecturer gave a lecture at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening on the subject of "Alcohol." Miss Brehm gave a description of the havoc that alcohol has wrecked upon humanity from the time Ponce de Leon started for America in the early centuries to discover the elixir of life until the present day. She spoke of it as more of a narcotic than a stimulant. One of the most interesting parts of her lecture was her description of the method in which the various kinds of liquors are manufactured.

WILL ESTABLISH NEW LABOR CAMP

Workmen to be Engaged on Building Steel Works' Addition Getting Ready

WILL BE "DRY" PLACE

The Monessen News says that State Gary, labor agent, who furnished the Pittsburg Steel company with the hundreds of men necessary to erect the company's first plant at Monessen then the eight open hearth furnaces and the bar and billet mills, again in Monessen for the purpose of furnishing the labor for the erection of four more open hearth furnaces and two blast furnaces. These will be located between the present open hearth furnaces and the Tin Plate mill.

Likely the first work will be commenced next week "Steve" was jokingly asked the other day if he would conduct a commissary in connection with the camp this time and he replied in the affirmative, but declared it would be a "dry" one. It will be remembered that he got into trouble when in Monessen before on a charge of giving the men beer with their necessaries of life.

The last camp established at Monessen by Mr. Gary became known as "Nashville," being down on the river bank upon the site of the present improvements. It is not known just where the labor settlement will be made this time.

Will Hold Labor Convention

Announcement has been made that the State Federation of Labor will hold their annual convention in Pittsburg beginning on March 12.

To Close Forty Hours Devotion

Forty Hours Devotion, which has been in progress at the Italian Catholic church will close with services this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Massel's of Monongahela will preach a short sermon. Rev. Joseph, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to all to attend the service.

District Officials and Chamouni Men in Conference

BAIL TO BE FURNISHED

Men Arrested Monday for Rioting to be Gotten Out of Jail if Possible

Contentions which arose over the use of safety lamps at the Chamouni mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Co. across the river from California, it is believed will have a settlement today. A conference is being held at Pittsburg between the district miners' officials and mine owners. Men at the Chamouni mine are out on strike and it is stated will remain so until some definite agreement is reached and they are ordered back by district officials.

It is claimed by the striking miners that in the department where the use of the safety lamp has been ordered, electrical machines are used which are as dangerous as openlights would be. Safety lamps it is asserted by the miners prevent them from seeing with their work to a considerable extent.

Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham of Charleroi, after viewing the mine shortly after the ice in the river broke up instructed that safety lamps be put into use in certain places. The mine superintendents ordered the necessary precautions to be taken. It is believed generally that the strike was caused by a misunderstanding on the part of the men.

Today it was stated that the miners would raise a fund with which to bail out of jail the ten men arrested for rioting at Chamouni Monday morning. They will try to have them released today. The trouble makers all seem to be foreigners, and it is declared by those who are well acquainted with things that had it not been for some of them who possessed more taste for trouble than for work, there would have been no contentions to settle and no strike.

HILLTOPS WHITEWASH EIGHTH STREET LADS

The Hilltop Juniors pulled off an unusual stunt in the way of basketball when they whitewashed the Eighth Street Juniors Tuesday night. Lineup:

Hilltops--10 Eight Street--0
J. McGuire F. Welch
Kupjweit F. Houston
P. McGuire C. Reeves
Rosbottom G. F. Parent
Behrendt G. Rosomme
Substitutions--R. Parent for Behrendt, Lappe for F. Parent. Field goals--J. McGuire, Behrendt, Kupjweit 2. Foul goals--Hilltops 2.

Want Good Residences.

Real estate men at Washington report that there is a strong demand for up-to-date residences at the county seat town.

Notice.

The Winter Club of Charleroi will hold their regular Thursday night dance in Might's New Auditorium Thursday, Feb. 29. Select Jenkins-Wheeler Orchestra. 177-42

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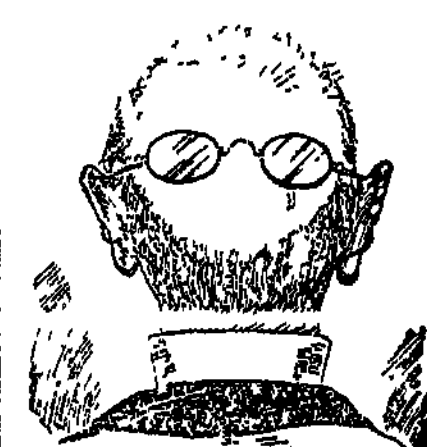
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"The Price of Beauty," a big three reel feature at the Star Thursday afternoon and night. Five cents to all. 177-42

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sertion.

LOCAL AGENCIES

B. M. Hixenbaugh, Charleroi
Belle Sharpnack, Lock No. 1
T. Hixenbaugh, Belle Vernon
T. Hixenbaugh, Speer

Feb. 22 in American History.

1843—General William Farrar Smith
noted that the commander of the
civil war died, born 1839.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)
Sun sets 5:51, rises 6:44 moon sets
5:30 a. m., moon highest and farthest
north, 4:47 p. m., moon in conjunction
with Neptune, passing from west to
east of the planet.

THE RAIFFEISEN SYSTEM

What is known as the "Raiffeisen
System" of rural co-operative credit
is being advocated for adoption in
the United States. This is a co-
operative system of banking which
was devised and put into execution,
by the peasant farmers of Germany,
and so successful has it been that at
the present time these farmers do
a banking business of \$1,600,000 a
year. When the western farmers of
the United States back in the nine-
ties were struggling with mortgages
and poor crops, and trying to get re-
lief by advocating Free Silver and
Populism, the peasant farmer of
Germany by pooling their resources
and co-operating in promoting credit
among themselves, were able to
weather the financial vicissitudes by
obtaining practically the same bank-
ing conditions of a highly organized
system. In the rural sections of this
country it used to be that the farmer
could get no banking accommodations,
for the reason that he could only
realize on his products once a year.
His only recourse was a mortgage,
and this only intensified his distress.

The Raiffeisen is a system of per-
sonal credit. The farmers of a lo-
cality form a co-operative society
and on the strength of their collec-
tive assets, obtain a loan for which
they become severally and jointly
liable. This loan is then deposited
in the co-operative bank of the as-
sociation, which also acts as a de-
posit bank for the savings of mem-
bers and the money is loaned to the
members for specified purposes con-
nected with the business of their
farms. The plan is exactly the same
as the building and loan associations,
except that it is adapted to the re-
quirements of farmers, who can get
money for planting and harvesting
times or for the purchase of stock or
machinery, the same as a manufac-
turer or merchant. It is perfectly
feasible and adaptable to this coun-
try, and is capable of widespread
benefit to the small farmers, and for

those who desire to engage in farm-
ing on a small scale but are handi-
capped for want of capital. It is
understood that the Grange is mak-
ing a study of the system.

LABOR'S MENACE

The various strikes that are
either in progress or are threatened
not only in this country but in
Europe as well, demonstrates most
forcibly that the greatest menace to
labor is the vast army of unemploy-
ed people that pervades every coun-
try, section and community. While
deploring force and violence, strik-
ing workmen generally bend every
effort to prevent their places from
being taken by others, even to the ex-
tremity of violence and intimidation.
But for this, all instinctively know
that the places of any strikers would
soon be filled from the army of un-
employed which in the best of times
is still a formidable host.

Suppose for instance that the
strike of mill workers at Lawrence,
Massachusetts, is called off, and the
places of the strikers filled by others.
What does it signify? It means
that before the strike that there were
a large number of people idle and
anxious to work, and that after the
strike the same number is still idle.
They have simply exchanged places.
That is all. It is this army of un-
employed that governs the rate of
wages. The employers know that
there are plenty of others willing to
take the place of those who do not like
existing conditions, and the employees
know it too, hence the desperate tac-
tics employed to prevent new workers
from taking the places of strikers.

Until these idle people can be em-
ployed and become producers them-
selves labor can have little hope for
any permanent benefit. About the
only solution to this great problem is
to get the idle people back to the un-
productive and unoccupied land. Where
every person willing and anxious to
work is a producer, labor will have
achieved its halcyon period.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

One consolation about these cold
waves is that the more we get now
the nearer we will get the last one.

"Why was Lady Godiva when she
started on her famous midnight ride
like an aeroplanist starting on a
flight?"
"Because it was a 'nude' depar-
ture."—Everybody's Magazine.

It is very queer the way some peo-
ple have showing their affection. Here
for instance is the case of a New
Castle man who cut a woman with a
knife, simply because he loved her.

George—"Why is Lillian Russell
like an oak tree?"
Algeron—"I can't tell. Why?"
George—"She isn't."—Everybody's.

Even the third term problem and
his promise of three years ago didn't
terrify Teddy, and he has even ex-
plained.

One thing the French editors do
among other things is to learn how
to handle the sword or a pistol. The
chances are they will have to use
them during their lifetime.

One prediction the weather man
doesn't consider it safe to make is
that of the date for the last blizzard.

One of the chief pleasures of life
for some people is to vehemently an-
nounce that they will never, never
live on a farm.

Politicians are beginning to learn
that the people are tired of playing
the part of the Missouri bound.

A Washington, D. C. man, who
asks who is the Democrat who can
carry New York State is informed by
the Johnstown Democrat that that
Democrat will be the next President
of the United States.

Advertising the Town.
The Canadian city Vancouver,
is engaged in a strange maneuver.
She has taken a grand
Will tax nothing but land,
And straight to the front does this
move her!

All that our race is it owes to the
kitchen. Unless the pure food
law is all wrong, the red flag flag
is all wrong.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"This thing of going to the Hot
Springs or to some other place in the
South to train may be necessary for
some pitchers but not for me," said
"Scissors" McIlvaine, who has signed
to do slab work for the Utica club in
the New York State League. "Why,
all that is necessary for me is to
hear a spring bird whistle, and I'm
ready to take off my sweater and go
to work. The other morning before
I was fairly awake I heard our can-
ary bird whistle, and I jumped out of
bed and began to warm up before I
realized where I was.

"I know I'm all right now, and was
never in better condition. The great
trouble with us ball players is to
convince the other fellow—McGraw,
Clark, Mack and the rest—that we
have the goods. These managers are
a lot of skeptical cusses, and won't
take a fellow's word for what we
know to be gospel. However, I feel
confident in my ability, and hope to
make this the best season I ever had."

"I don't think I'll ever vote for
Teddy Roosevelt, even should he get
the nomination for President," said
Councilman W. H. Calvert this morn-
ing. "I did say I never would vote
for him again, but I'll modify that,
and await developments. If Roose-
velt is nominated and a good Demo-
crat is in opposition, I believe I'll
vote for the Democrat, although I
don't think there are any good Dem-
ocrats—present company excepted
from getting licked."

THOUGHTS FROM SOPHOCLES

A lie never lives to be old.
No oath is too binding for a lover.
Nobody loves life like an old man.
The dice of Zeus fall ever luckily.
Thoughts are mightier than strength
of hand.
War loves to seek its victims in
the young.
The truth is always the strongest
argument.
Fortune is not on the side of the
faint-hearted.

Children are the anchors that hold
a mother to life.

It is better not to live at all than
to live disgraced.

A short saying oft contains much
wisdom.

In a just cause the weak overcome
the strong.

Think not that thy word and thine
alone must be right.

Do nothing secretly, for time sees
and hears all things and discloses
all.

Death is not the worst evil; but
rather when we wish to die and can-
not.

If I am Sophocles, I am not mad;
and if I am mad, I am not Sopho-
cles.

A wise player ought to accept his
throws and score them, not bewail
his luck.

If it were possible to heal sorrow
by weeping and to raise the dead
with tears, gold were less prized than
grief.

There is an ancient saying famous
among men, that thou shouldst not
judge fully of a man's life before he
dies, whether it should be called
blessed or wretched.

Live Literature Resented.

"You don't seem to care for any au-
thors except those of a previous gen-
eration."

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I am
tired of prejudiced in their favor. You
see, there's no chance that mother an'
he girls will invite 'em to parties to
test supercilious and superior."

A PRECAUTION



Jigson—I just joined the Don't Wor-
ry club.
Jigson—Why?
Jigson—Going to be married next
week?

HINTS TO THE HANDICAPPED

Writer in Atlantic Monthly Tells Them
How They May Make Best
of Life.

Grow up as fast as you can. Culti-
vate the widest intellect you can, and
cherish all your friends. Cultivate
some artistic talent, for you will find
it the most durable of satisfactions,
and perhaps one of the surest means
of livelihood as well. Achievement is,
of course, on the knees of the gods;
but you will at least have the thrill
of trial, and, after all, not to try is to
fail. Taking your disabilities for
granted, and assuming constantly that
they are being taken for granted,
make your social intercourse as broad
and as constant as possible. Do not
take the world too seriously, nor let
too many social conventions oppress
you. Keep sweet your sense of hu-
mor, and above all do not let any
morbid feelings of inferiority creep
into your soul. You will find yourself
sensitive enough to the sympathy of
others, and if you do not find persons
who like you and are willing to meet
you more than half way, it will be be-
cause you have let your disability
narrow your vision and shrink up your
soul. It will be really your own fault,
and not that of your circumstances.
In a word, keep looking outward; look
out eagerly for those things that in-
terest you, for persons who will in-
terest you, and be friends with you,
for new interests and for opportuni-
ties to express yourself.—Atlantic
Monthly.

CANNIBALS WHO CHEW GUM

Traveler Finds the Seris Kindly and
Affectionate and Quite Without
Deadly Weapons.

Though it seems rather a pity to
shatter romantic illusions and myths
in a world from which romance (of
that kind, anyway) is fading rapidly,
yet it must be said that there are only
two old, useless rifles in the hands of
the tribe, and at the time of our visit
only two bows and a couple of quivers
full of arrows, not one of which was
headed. And now they haven't those,
for we bought them for souvenirs.

Among themselves, at any rate,
however they may have behaved to
strangers in the past, the Seris were
as kindly and even affectionate a lot
of people as I have ever had the good
fortune to encounter. Never did we
see a mother or father slap a child.
Never was anger displayed or irrita-
tion. They were continually sharing
with each other the little gifts we
made them. Really, you know, when
you see a group of alleged cannibals
sharing chewing-gum (the first they
had ever tasted) from mouth to mouth
and enjoying themselves hugely, re-
spect for travelers' tales of blood and
thunder goes down a peg or two.—
Michael Williams in Outing.

Lessons in Etiquette.

Those who have dined in restau-
rants or hotels habitually will find
that they have fallen into many un-
pleasant little ways, permissible pos-
sibly toward a landlord, but not to-
ward a hostess. They feel that they
have the privilege both to criticize
openly and to imply criticism either
of the food itself or of the way in which
it is served. Women who cherish the
ambition of making poor, forlorn
habitués of hotels happy with "home
cooking" have their hopes dashed by
this ungracious habit. Let those, too,
who have fallen into the habit of dip-
ping a spoon or fork into a glass of
water and then wiping it on a napkin
before using it beware of those mo-
ments when they become deeply ab-
sorbed in conversation at the house of
a friend or even at the home table.
Could any habit be more insulting to a
hostess?—Harper's Bazar.

A Stupid Hunter.

Returning from two months spent
on a ranch he was telling a story of
hunting in the hills with an English-
man.

"All of us were out hunting one
day," said he, "and the Englishman
shot at everything that moved. If the
wind carried a cloud of dust upward,
you could depend on his leadership to
shoot at it. So it happened that he
narrowly missed shooting a young
woman, who, with her husband, was
visiting on the ranch. When our
party returned the husband, boiling
angry, approached the Englishman
and said:

"Look here, you damned stupid
ass, you missed shooting my wife by
an inch."

"Aw, missed her!" said the Eng-
lishman, either a onished or per-
plexed. "By an inch, by Jove? Well,
old man, I'm sorry, very sorry."

Nails in Hard Wood.

It will be found almost impossible
to drive thin steel nails into hard
wood, for the moment you hit them
hard enough to puncture the wood
they bend over on themselves.

Many people employ the use of a
small gimlet to bore the hole destined
to hold the nail, and few people know
that if yellow soap is rubbed on the
nail it can be driven in the hardest
wood with ease.

This trick was learned by a carpen-
ter, who discovered it accidentally.
Now whenever he is working with
hard wood he keeps a cake of soap
near by and sticks it full of nails,
using them as he needs them.
He also has a deep hole cut in the
handle of his favorite hammer and
keeps it filled with soap in which to
stick the nails if the cake of soap is
not conveniently near.

WHERE PLATINUM IS FOUND

Rare Metal in Small Quantities Us-
ually is Associated With Gold
in Gravel Beds.

Platinum is found associated with
gold, principally in gravel beds. The
ordinary source is accumulations of
gravel which have been eroded from
extensive areas and gradually con-
centrated in one locality by the continued
action of water. It is a rare metal
and the accumulation must be from a
great extent of country if a paying
deposit is to be developed.

Platinum is of a silver gray color
which is rarely tarnished. Its devel-
opment is similar to gold, except that
where gold is usually associated with
quartz and light colored rocks plat-
inum will be found more commonly
with dark colored rocks, and espe-
cially those of a greenish shading.

It is found only in small quantities
except at two or three localities. West-
ern Colombia and eastern Russia have
gravel beds which afford the prin-
cipal supply of this metal. Elsewhere
it is found over considerable areas
but not sufficiently concentrated to be
of importance. It may be looked for
among the formations adjacent to re-
gions of old volcanic activity.

The distribution is principally in al-
tered rocks, and segregation seems to
have been the principal cause con-
tributing to its collection in ore
bodies. The deposits found up to the
present time have been of irregular
mineralization and not of great ex-
tent, consequently all platinum de-
posits must be considered with cau-
tion.

Of the rare metals associated with
platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium
and others, little need be said because
of their rarity. If found they will be
associated with platinum and will be
known by the greater hardness,
brighter surface and greater specific
gravity.—Moody's Magazine.

THREAD DOES SLEUTH WORK

Milwaukee Merchant Devises a Clever
Scheme to Get Rid of a Troub-
some Shoplifter.

The manager of a local department
store took an efficacious method of
ridding himself of a troublesome pet-
ty shoplifter recently. The woman has
been coming into the store and pick-
ing up a small remnant, spool of
thread, thimble or other article that
happened to be lying about, having
little intrinsic value, but being never-
theless a source of annoyance to both
the clerk and the management. Be-
cause of the position of the woman,
it was undesirable to institute an ac-
tion.

A few days ago the manager took a
spool of silk from the case, fastened
the loose end of the thread with a
tack, and allowing a bit of slack, left
it upon the counter. It was not long
before his party arrived, and, dandy
dropping the spool into her shopping
bag, started out. The manager de-
tached the loose end and followed her
up the street, a few yards in the rear.
He trailed her into another downtown
store, and, as she was standing beside
a counter in the midst of a crowded
array of bargain seekers, approached
her, calmly winding his thread and po-
sitely said:

"Madame, I'll trouble you for that
spool of thread."

What followed can be more easily
imagined than described. He got the
thread and has not been troubled with
loose ends since, nor have the other stores,
so far as may be learned.—Milwaukee
Free Press.

Bearded "Ladies."

M. Brandt, a Danish professor,
comes to the conclusion that bearded
ladies in time to come will be the
order of the day. Ladies with beards
who are now to be seen may be re-
garded as the precursors of the future
race, and the professor comes to the
conclusion that the more masculine
woman becomes in her habits so much
the more will she be in appearance.
He does not think that bearded ladies
will become general until at least two
centuries have elapsed. His investi-
gations show that the number of wo-
men with traces of mustaches, al-
though clearly visible, increases but
slowly. The Paris contemporary from
which we take the foregoing suggests
that the professor has missed the
great point which he might have made
and that is that as the number of
men who shave increases daily it
would follow that women would en-
deavor to grow beards from sheer
perversity.

"Aeropetomania."

Some months ago a learned profes-
sor at the Sorbonne wrote to the Par-
liamentary papers proposing that the
word "petomanie" be used as a term to
designate the aviator, the word petomanie
being based, he explained, on the
Greek root "pet," to fly. Another
learned person says that the word
harks back to the earliest days of aer-
ostation, and quotes from Der
Deutsche Merkur (the German Mer-
cury), published by Wieland at Wei-
mar, in October, 1783, which speaks
of "Aeropetomanie," or the latest pro-
gress in flying.

The Ruling Passion.

"How is Mrs. Dumley? I under-
stand the doctor gave her up?"
"Yes, he did. But she's better. The
other day she thought she was sink-
ing and sent in a hurry for her women
neighbors."
"Well."
"In ten minutes they were all play-
ing bridge."

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monthly payments. Low rates and
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will freeze and break,
send for

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to repair them

Bell Phone 5-R 602 McKean

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If it is worth
doing at all,
it's worth do-
ing well.

First class work
at all times is
our motto.

Let us figure
with you on
your next job.

PREPARE FOR AUTUMN

RIGHT NOW IS EXCELLENT TIME TO MAKE SELECTION.

Tailored Styles Continue to Hold Their Own in Popular Favor—Short Coat Is Also to Be Much in Vogue.

This is an excellent time for looking up the things needed for the next three months, for at this time autumn effects make their appearance and they are generally much cheaper than later on. As usual, tailored styles are much considered, the trim street suit and long coat being in a way always the same and easier to decide upon than the more fanciful garments. At any rate, only tailored things are seen to any extent, and these are quite plain, though the fashion people promise a number of fine surprises in a week or two. In fact, we are told that the street gown will be quite fancy with trimming, that there will be odd cuts and vastly rich colors. Meanwhile, except for an increasing width in the skirt, made by favoring plaited closely at the top and flaring at the bottom, street suits are not greatly different in style from those of the summer. The short coat introduced with late is much in vogue but this has as many cuts as the pea cock has eyes in his gorgeous tail—it is in sacque shape, Empire form, in Norfolk design or with a high belt and coquettish shirred tail. Materials for these fresh and enticing suits, of course, consider the autumn in quality and color. The latest fashions checked wools and striped men's cloths show mellow browns to a great extent, a touch of black satin and deep orange being used sometimes for collar and cuffs. Any black and white goods suitable for a tailored suit is still very chic, and with this combination the coat trimmings may show a blend of white and purple linen. The oddity of putting satin with muslin and linen with wool in this way is decidedly smart and most suited to the season. The washable summer materials soften the gloom of the darkish colors used, and lighten the effect of the textures, which might otherwise seem too clumsy for the middle of September. The illustration gives the loose sacque style girls from seven to twelve will wear, and it is in a smooth blue serge with blue and red silk for the trimming. The single button is of red silk covered with blue crochet.



and this solitary detail gives the little garment a very elegant stamp. Pearls or bone buttons, by the way, are not used on any dressy coat, unless the garment is in polo style and in a delicate evening color. Buttons are elaborate and made to a great extent of epoche over molds, or the covering will be of some rich tapestry in soft colors—the button set in a metal rim—or the fastener will show a crust of rich embroidery.

On fact, so far as buttons are concerned, one can be commonplace only with the practical coat, and even here if the garment is of a very rough sort some novelty in shape is desirable with the cheapest bone button. The wooden mold, however, covered plainly with the same material, trims many a dressing coat and where the garment is reversible, whichever way the child is put on, the buttons will be in the color of the lining. With this exception all other buttons on the first coats are striking and original.

MARY DEAN.

To Clean White Bags. White-moire handbags clean easily with naphtha. The whole bag—silk cord, gold mountings and all—may be dipped into the naphtha. A gentle scrubbing with an old tooth brush will aid in the cleansing process. The result is better than that which some times follows the laundering of a linen hand bag; so that the silk ones, which are not extravagant in cost, are not soiled.

Persistent Advertising Brings Business Success

If the money that is spent every year by "occasional" advertisers were added up it would be found to amount to a large sum. By "occasional" advertising is meant the using of space at irregular periods in newspapers. Local publicity is often done this way under the excuse of helping the paper, but the real reason, if the advertiser could be got to admit it, is that he is half hearted about the matter. He partly looks upon advertising as a luxury anyhow and so curtails his expenditure on it to the lowest limit.

Although the retailer may regard publicity as a luxury, it yet seems to be a dream on his part that one day he will make some real success and a handsome fortune through advertising. Indeed, down deep in all retailers' hearts is a feeling that money can positively be made through advertising. They know that huge fortunes have been and are being piled up by retail merchants with the aid of this limitless force, and they have secret hopes that one day they also may strike the royal road to success. If they but knew it that road lies straight and plain before every retailer in the country if he would only open his eyes to see it.

John Wanamaker, the great New York and Philadelphia retail merchant, on one occasion said: "Advertising doesn't jerk; it pulls." It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It is likened to a team pulling a heavy load. A thousand spasmodic, jerky pulls will not budge that load, while one-half the force in steady effort will start and keep it moving.

Here is the solution in a nutshell—steady effort. The merchant who uses newspaper space only "occasionally" is the one who is dissatisfied with results. It is the steady pounding—and pounding again—that makes success in advertising as in everything else. All advertising is good in proportionate degree to how it is done, and even occasional advertising has some value, but to be successful to the point of permanently increasing your bank account, it must be done persistently and systematically.

What would you say about a clerk in your store who waited on your customers for a day or two and then sat down to rest for a few more days, leaving the customers to attend to themselves? You know how long your business would last under such conditions. It is the same with newspaper advertising. Publicity in newspapers is simply salesmanship on paper, and the same rules apply to it as apply to salesmanship in your store. Continuous effort and eternal polishing up of ideas and methods are necessary to make success either as a personal salesman in your store or as a salesman in newspapers.

You advertise to sell your goods and keep your name in front of people. It is only reasonable to suppose that you will be better able to do this with persistent effort than with spasmodic attempts. If you were to tell a man or woman daily about the quality and prices of your wares you would produce more effect than if you were to talk to him or her at uncertain intervals.

The question of changing the salesmanship or "copy" in your advertising space is an important one.

Some merchants never stop to think about an ad until the big industries pay rolls around, and then they write their copy in a few minutes, when time and thought is necessary, and then "rush" it to the newspapers the day they want it to appear, and then expect immediate returns.

Advertisement constructing is a profession like medicine or law. When you are sick you go to a physician; when you get into a legal difficulty you go to a lawyer.

When your business needs a stimulant why should you not put a competent man the job, and if you do not have such a man why not get one? and if you cannot do this why not employ someone out of the store to do it? Would you keep a clerk in your employ who could not wait upon a customer in the right way? Of course you would not—Your advertising copy not only needs but requires the same discrimination.

If you give it this attention, keep at it, sell the right kinds of goods at the right prices, and live up to your advertising; there is no doubt about your ultimate success.

CROUP ENDS LIFE

Many Children Die of Croup Every Year Before a Doctor Can be Summoned.

Parents of children should be prepared at all times for a spasm of croup.

Keep in the house a remedy that will give instant relief and keep the child from choking until the arrival of the physician.

Get a 50 cent bottle of HYOMEL today in case of an attack of croup pour 20 drops into a kitchen bowl of boiling water. Hold the child's head over the bowl so that it

can breathe the soothing, penetrating vapor that arises. In the meantime send for a physician.

This treatment has saved the lives of many children and is a precaution that all parents should promptly take.

Hyomel is sold by Piper Bros and druggists everywhere and is guaranteed for croup, catarrh, asthma and bronchitis.

Charleroi Phone 161-C
Harry H. May
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Marshall Building, Bentleyville, Pa.
228 Falkland Avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

BACKPHEN CABINET



ALL might do more than we have done.

And not be a whit the worse. It was not loving that emptied the heart. Nor giving that emptied the purse.

SOME LUNCHEON DISHERS.

Many luncheon dishes may be equally well served at night for supper when the noon meal is the dinner.

Tomato Bouillon.—Cook together a can of tomatoes, three pints of bouillon, a tablespoonful of chopped onion, a half of a bay leaf, six cloves, half a teaspoon of celery seed, half a teaspoon of pepper corns and cook twenty minutes. Strain, cool and clear. Add parboiled oysters, a pint, and serve in bouillon cups.

Potato Cones.—Season mashed potato with salt and pepper and finely chop parsley. Moisten with cream or milk, then beat light and foamy, mold in an ice cream dipper, place on buttered paper in a baking pan, brush with melted butter and brown in the oven.

Convent Pie.—Cook a cup of macaroni in boiling water until tender. Drain and rinse in cold water. Scald a cup of cream, add a cup of soft bread crumbs, a fourth of a cup of butter, pepper, salt, chopped parsley, onion juice and a teaspoonful of chopped green pepper, half a cup of grated cheese, three well-beaten eggs and the macaroni. Line a quart baking dish with buttered paper, turn in the mixture, set the pan on several folds of paper in a dish of water and bake a half to three-fourths of an hour. Serve with tomato sauce.

Marshmallow Salad.—Cut half a can of pineapple in small pieces. Cut a quarter of a pound of marshmallows in quarters, using the shears. Mix a half cup of whipped cream with a quarter of a cup of mayonnaise dressing and add to the other ingredients. Serve on lettuce leaves with salad dressing.

A delicious tea is prepared by cutting a third of an orange, put into a teapot with Oolong tea and four cups of boiling water. Let stand five minutes and serve with sugar, without cream.

Nellie Maxwell.

Real Angel of Death. Most of us are familiar with the beautiful and artistic conception of French, wherein a young sculptor who is plying his magic chisel upon a block of stone and summoning from the snowy depths of the marble the dream face of his soul's idea, is gently touched by the wistful-eyed Angel of Death and the skillful arm forever stayed. The whole creation is marvellously beautiful and the world is better for its birth. Nevertheless, it is allegorical and misleading.

The real Angel of Death in the case of the thin-faced sculptor was not a sad-visaged maiden of classical profile. In all probability it was a minute, rod-like organism floating amid motes of dust and known to scientists as the "bacteria tuberculosis." The writer does not want to be a shatterer of ideals; but the sooner such poetic notions of death are done away with and the mass of the people educated in a common sense way to the dangers of dust and bacteria, the better it will be for humanity in general.—J. G. Ogden in October Popular Mechanics.

Growing Beet Sugar in England. Remarkable success has attended the efforts of growers of sugar beets in Herefordshire, England. A good high average for a crop is 15 tons to the acre of roots bearing 15 per cent. of sugar. The Herefordshire farmers, in spite of rough and ready methods and small knowledge of the crop, grew up to 2 1/4 tons to the acre, with a sugar content of 15 per cent. The purity of the sugar was exceptionally high.

The Telephone Trouble-Times

How do you call the plumber when the pipes break, or the tinner when the roof goes bad? It takes an hour if you go on foot, a moment if you Use the Bell.

The cost is trifling and it's really wonderful in its power to help. Call the Business Office.

The C. D. & P. Tel. Co.
P. B. BURWELL, Manager
Charleroi, Pa.



The Inevitable. An old man who had lived all his life on the moors of Scotland and had never seen a railway, was persuaded by his two sons to accompany them on a trip to Sheffield. Arriving at the station, the old man was terrified at the sight of the train running into the station and exclaimed: "Let's go back, lads, or something will happen." But his sons hustled him into a carriage, where he sat looking terribly upset, and muttering to himself, "something will happen." The climax was reached when the train dashed into a tunnel, the old man crying out, "I knew something would happen, I'm struck blind."

Help Farmers' Wives.

Miss Martha Van Rensselaer, who was recently elected president of the Home Economic Association of New York, has long had charge of the reading course for farmers at the agricultural department of Cornell University. Miss Rose, who was elected secretary of the same association, has been her assistant.

Wants Rights First.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan was asked recently to contribute to the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, but she refused, saying that all the money she could spare would be given to the suffrage cause until the courts declare that "women are people."

Boom American Sewing Machines.

An American sewing machine company has opened eight schools in southern China, at which natives are taught to embroider with silk by machines.

Eggs many Years.

A somewhat remarkable discovery was made in demolishing the Judiciary buildings in Jail square, Glasgow. Hidden among the rafters was a hen's nest containing 16 eggs, which those who know say must have lain there for about forty years. When exposed to the air the eggs dissolved into dust.

Movement of the Air.

The movement of air is variously designated, according to its velocity, a zephyr, breeze, wind, gale or hurricane. With fog the designations are mists, slight, moderate or thick. A dense or thick fog, according to the weather bureau, obscures objects at a distance of 1,000 feet.

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Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion. Dr. Kink's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at W. F. Jennings.



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Charleroi's Live Store

Among The Passers

Allie Brown was unable to be with the team at Connellsville. Peiffer was there with the goods in his place.

Every man on the Connellsville team scored at least two baskets.

Uniontown will have to do a big lot of sprinting and Johnstown slump like a baseball player's batting average on his off week if the last year's champs approach within listening distance of the first place rumble.

Boggio was out of the game with Uniontown against Johnstown, Bill Powell jumping center and Swenson and O'Donnell working the forwards.

Nobody has yet advanced the name of a better forward in the Central League than Jack Adams.

Ten days and the present Central League season will have become history.

CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Last Night's Results

Connellsville 40—Charleroi 35
Johnston 39—Uniontown 28

Standing of the Clubs

	W	L	Per
Johnstown	42	16	.724
Uniontown	40	19	.678
Connellsville	33	27	.550
Charleroi	25	34	.424

Tonight's Schedule

No games scheduled.

OLD TIME CRUELTY

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BILLIARDS

The billiard match at the Crescent billiard room between Heiker of the Schaeffers and Berton of the Hoppes resulted in a victory for Heiker by a score of 75 to 41. Heiker had high run of 10 and Berton 7. In the second game between Arrigo of the Hoppes and Sharkey of the Schaeffers, in a double header, Sharkey defeated Arrigo by 85 to 93. Arrigo playing a handicap of 85 to 100 in the first game. In the second game Arrigo played a phenomenal game and defeated Sharkey by a score of 66 to 100 in 40 innings. Arrigo had high run of 22, Sharkey 8. As the race is drawing near a close these games are proving very exciting. It is any team's games as yet, with the standing of the Hoppes at 18 and Schaeffers at 23. Referee, Ben Jack. Attendance 603.

CHARLEROI TEAMS WINS FROM DONORA

The Charleroi Independents defeated the Donora Steel works team in a preliminary game at the rink Monday night. The game was hotly contested. Lineup:

Charleroi—40 Independents—23
Keifer F. Jackson
Carlson F. McFarland
E. Roy C. Volke
Hudspeth G. Wehl
G. Roy, Gass G. Campbell
Field goals—Keifer 11 Carlson 2
E. Roy 3, Hudspeth 2, Jackson 4, McFarland 4, Volke 3. Goals from foul Jackson 1 out of 3. Referee—Dolin

LOVER

Miss Stella Robison is visiting friends in Ohio.

Mrs. Harry Hyatt and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ellis Sphar.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scott entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening. Mrs. Scott served a nice lunch consisting of ice cream cake and fruit. The young folks spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will move this week to the Ed. Springer property near Garwood which he has purchased.

Mary, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pryor, near Garwood who has been ill for sometime is some better.

Myrtle, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyatt, is visiting relatives at Brownsville.

Mrs. Valoren Smallwood who is critically ill of typhoid fever at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Carson, near Bentleyville, remains about the same, her condition being very serious.

Snyder Cupp, who is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ennsley Cupp, remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Tremont Colvin of California spent Sunday with relatives near here.

Earl, little son of Wm. Silbaugh, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Endsley Cupp.

Protracted meeting closed at the Clover Hill M. E. church last week.

Mrs. T. R. Duvall is ill of mumps.

John A. Carson has returned home from serving two weeks on the jury at Washington.

Maurice Crispin of California, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Valoren Smallwood.

Harry Hyatt and family will move about the 1st of April to the Hiram Stillwell property.

Mrs. Laura Dickey and daughter, Mary and Emaline, of Curtin School House, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coulter.

Earl Hopewell has returned home from a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. Larry Gossitt, of Fredericktown.

New Russian Oil Region

While Baku is known as the great oil producing province of Russia, and its wells have produced immense quantities, its reputation bids fair to be overshadowed by the new region, the Sallany Steppe. Sallany is about 125 miles distant from the city of Baku, on the shore of the Caspian sea, at the mouth of the Kura, the largest river in the Caucasus. Its position is a commanding one, both for supplying the European and eastern market. The petroleum deposits in the Sallany steppe have been known for years, but only recently has attention been attracted thereto. The possibilities are very great.

Appointed Tax Collector

Upon petition to the county court John A. Mancha has been appointed tax collector of Fallowfield township to take the place of Shirley Mancha, resigned.

TO PROTECT WATER BUCKETS

Stable Boys Bore Holes in Their Bottoms and Carry Corks in Their Pockets

"Anybody who has occasion to use a water bucket," said a man acquainted with their various uses, "is likely to pick up the first one he comes to, then he may put it back where he found it or he may not."

"It was to prevent their being carried off in this way and left around where they didn't belong that fire buckets came to be made with round bottoms, so that they wouldn't stand on their own bottom. Such buckets, as you know, are kept filled with water and standing around in buildings, supported in holders having rounded out spaces in which the buckets rest. These buckets are likely to be left where they belong."

"A man who doesn't know their peculiarity may come along some day and pick up one of them and carry it off, but he is likely to leave the fire buckets alone after one experience of seeing the bucket he has carried off roll over when he set it down and spill out all the water."

"Perhaps you don't know what stable boys do to keep their buckets where they can find them. The stable boy protects his particular bucket by boring a hole in its bottom, so that it won't hold water; nobody wants a bucket that won't hold water. Then he carries in his pocket a cork that will fit the hole in the bucket, and when he has use for it he simply plugs the hole, and there's the bucket ready for use."

"To be sure other boys around a stable may carry corks in their pockets, but the run of people don't; and so the boy who has bored the bottom of his bucket is at least a little more likely to find it when he wants it than he would be if it had no hole in it."

TOO REMARKABLE TO FALL

Ruined Old Barn Set Mose an Example and He Proceeded to Get Well.

In their first walk of the season at Wobrook-in-the-Hills the judge and his wife stopped at the Bartons' to inquire for Mose, who was reported to have been "more'n common allin' long back." They found Mrs. Barton in the garden, weeding.

"Yes, he was awful bad all last winter," she said, gradually rising, and straightening up. "First he had gripe, an' that left his heart weak, an' long toward March his liver kind o' got out o' whack. Then Mose sent for doctor, an' he called it 'complication o' diseases.'"

"You're a sick man," says doctor. "I know that," says Mose, "thout you're tellin' me! You know his way? But this complication, 's you call it, is what stumps me. I guess I'd better get well—aa' he did!"

"Suthin' in that, eh, squire?" said Mose, suddenly appearing from behind the house.

"Much!" asserted the judge.

"Didn't find my argument in a book, same as you would, squire," Mose continued. "Got it up on the hills, from the old Collin's barn—'member it?"

"I should say I did!" said the judge, smiling reminiscently; "roof, less, practically and open on all sides!"

"But kep' a-standin' for nigh thirty year 'cause it was so ramshackle it didn't know which way to fall. My case exactly!" declared Mose, with a twinkle.—Youth's Companion.

Dismal Swamp Water

Many interesting observations were made during a recent excursion into the Dismal Swamp of Virginia, sent out by the Washington Academy of Sciences. The swamp is divided into two parts, as far as the character of the vegetation is concerned—the "black gum" and the "juniper" areas. The juniper area is of particular interest. Juniper is the local name for the Southern white cedar. Swamp blueberry, white adler, fukberry, fetter bush and other species of the heather family are intermingled with the juniper trees. The water of the juniper swamp contains a remarkably small quantity of mineral matter and has the color of tea. It is antiseptic, and before the days of distilled sea water it furnished the favorite supply of drinking water for ships starting on long voyages from Norfolk. The sailors called it "juniper water," and were very fond of it.—Youth's Companion.

To Brighten Old Gilt

Old gilt, such as the gilded frames of chairs or old picture frames and mirrors, if they do not require regilding entirely, may be brightened by using an excellent mixture of three ounces of white of egg and an ounce of chloride of potash or soda. This should be painted over the surface with a feather or a water-color paint brush.

The Idea

"Should you say 'Hello!' to the telephone girl if she is a widow?" "Certainly, unless she is a grass widow; then you should say, 'Hay, there!'"

Retain the Tinderbox

Matches have not yet displaced the tinderbox in certain rural districts of Spain and Italy.

Keeping Worms From Plants

If air slacked lime be used in earth in which plants are potted it will keep worms away.

IS DEAN OF ALL INDIANS

Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, Is Oldest Redman

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogallala Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity he counseled peace with the palefaces.

He could well afford to do so, for his people knew he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts, "but I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstainer. He smokes cigarettes, but insists he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be hale and hearty long after he has passed the century mark.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinsmen, and puts his pipe with a complacency unruffled by thoughts of any immediate journey to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior dons paint and feathers for his appearance with the younger members of his tribe in the headlong dashes across the amphitheater at the stock yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to single him from the reckless redskins who have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

WORLD OF BLUFF AND SHAM

Absolute Frankness Seems to Be a Thing Unknown Among Men and Women.

One of the most pitiful as well as one of the commonest things in all this old world is sham. Those who hide—and who of us does not?—under its sleazy covering are continually struggling to keep up appearances against a remorseless and overwhelming handicap. The modern spirit of emulation is responsible for much of the present-day sham. The mad race to keep up with and a little ahead of one's neighbors creates an ingenuine condition. One strives for a good showing, and life behind the scenes accepts what's left. If we could only see the other side that is jealously hidden from Mrs. Grundy's prying eyes what an awakening there would be oftentimes!

The man who, living on his wife's inherited or possibly hard-earned money, tells his friends with blatant impudence that she spends his wages faster than he can earn them and then asks for more; the young wife who to "make a show" passes her summers at some fashionable resort while her husband bends his head even nearer the girdstone to meet an extravagance that far overreaches his salary, supplementing the deficit by borrowing from his business partner; the "happy" woman who with arene eyes forces the world to think or lot a blissful one when all the while her heart is breaking over some secret sorrow or bitter humiliation—such a disciple of bluff, sham and pride. What cankers of the soul these three cover! And the world moves serenely on and the make-beliefs which cover a multitude of miseries are held valiantly up to trick Dame Grundy into thinking that all is gold that glitters.

Untenable Ground

"By the way, why do you permit your children to believe in fairies?" "I can't tell them there are no fairies and then expect them to believe in microbes."—Washington Herald.

Force of Habit

A United States district attorney, at a banquet, once spoke of honesty: "Are we coming to such a pass that our ideas of an honest man will correspond to the idea of old Hiram Strood? Hiram Strood for the seventh time was about to fall. He called in an expert accountant to disentangle his books. The accountant, after two days' work, announced to Hiram that he would be able to pay his creditors four cents on the dollar. At this news the old man looked vexed: 'Heretofore,' he said, frowning, 'I have always paid ten cents on the dollar.' A virtuous and benevolent expression spread over his face. 'And I will do so now,' he resumed. 'I will make up the difference out of my own pocket.'"—Blue Bull.

Great Minds Not Exempt

In Tolstoy there seems to be the same contradiction between the natural man and the ascetic moralist that pertains to lesser minds, and in a certain instance, cited by Aymer Maude in his "Life of Tolstoy," this mental elasticity makes for humor. When Sarah Bernhardt visited Moscow the great man cultivated himself of a crushing condemnation of the contemporary theater and of the falsity of the dramatic art in general. After a momentous silence one of his guests admitted, somewhat timorously, that he was going to see the French actress that evening. Tolstoy's face suddenly lighted up with a good-humored smile. "Do you know," he said, "I am awfully sorry I'm not going."

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The Moon on Fish

A recent report of the Scotch fishery board mentioned a curious habit which, according to fishermen, is associated with fish; the phases of the moon, it was asserted, have a very direct connection with the willingness of fish to be netted.

To test this theory statistics were obtained of the catch of herrings from 1860 to 1900, with the result that the biggest catches were found to have coincided with the new moon and the smallest with full moon. The report suggested that a full moon enabled the nets to be seen much more easily than at times of new moon or the crescent phase or that the tides, which vary with the lunar phases, were possible factors in the matter.—Westminster Gazette.

So Settled

"Yes, I am opposed to American girls marryin' furriners," said old Mrs. Sipes. "I'm jist that opposed to it that if my girls can't marry people of their own sex they needn't marry at all, and that's all there is about it!"—Lippincott's.

OLD FOLKS

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"One reason old people do not live to be older," says a famous physician, "is because they do not keep up their interest in life. They ought not to let go."

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